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One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE SELECTMEN

OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET

AND THE

REPORTS OF OTHER TOWN OFFICERS,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1895.

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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1895-96.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

PHILANDER BATES, Chairman	Term Expires,		March 1, 1896
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW	,,	,,	March 1, 1898
NEWCOMB B. TOWER	,,	,,	March 1, 1897

Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, ABRAHAM H. TOWER.

School Committee.

E. POMEROY COLLIER, Chairman	Term Expires,		March 1, 1896
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW	,,	,,	March 1, 1897
AMOS A. LAWRENCE	,,	,,	March 1, 1897
LOUIS T. CUSHING	,,	,,	March 1, 1898
CYRUS H. BATES	,,	,,	March 1, 1898
CALEB LOTHROP, Secretary and Treasurer	,,	,,	March 1, 1896

Superintendent of Schools, ELMER L. CURTISS.

Board of Health, THE SELECTMEN.

Fire Engineers and Forest Fire Wards.

EDWARD E. WENTWORTH, Chief.

HENRY E. BRENNOCK, 1st Assistant. CHARLES A. GROSS, 2d Assistant
A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD. ALSON S. RICHARDSON.
HARRY E. MAPES, Clerk.

Constables and Field Drivers.

MANUEL S. ENOS. JOHN ROCHE, JR.
A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD. CHARLES L. KITTRELL
EDWARD E. WENTWORTH. WILLIAM E. CROCKER

Superintendent of Streets, PHILANDER BATES.

Auditor, HARRY W. SOUTHER.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, ALLEN C. BATES.

Auctioneers.

LOUIS N. LINCOLN. AARON PRATT. JAMES S. BEAL

Trustees of the Public Library.

REV. JOSEPH OSGOOD, D.D., Chairman	Term Expires,		March 1, 1896
MISS SARAH SIG. PRATT	,,	,,	March 1, 1896
MISS EDITH M. BATES	,,	,,	March 1, 1896
MRS. ABRAHAM H. TOWER	,,	,,	March 1, 1897
MISS SARAH B. COLLIER, Librarian	,,	,,	March 1, 1897
EDWARD F. RIPLEY	,,	,,	March 1, 1897
EDWARD E. ELLMS	,,	,,	March 1, 1898
LOUIS T. CUSHING	,,	,,	March 1, 1898
ABRAHAM H. TOWER, Treasurer	,,	,,	March 1, 1898

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

EZRA BROWN. CHARLES F. BENNETT. FRANKLIN BEAL

Public Weighers.

PHILANDER BATES. CALEB F. NICHOLS

Fence Viewers.

FRED L. REED. JOHN L. PRATT. CHARLES H. WILLARD

Surveyors of Lumber.

ARTHUR O. HIGGINS. JOSEPH A. VALINE

Inspector of Cattle, CALEB F. NICHOLS.

Undertaker, BENJAMIN F. EVANS.

Pound Keeper, LEVI L. WORRICK.

Keeper of Lockup, MANUEL S. ENOS.

Registrars of Voters.

CHARLES F. TILDEN, Chairman	Term Expires,		May 1, 1897
C. JAMES PRATT	,,	,,	May 1, 1898
JOHN L. PRATT	,,	,,	May 1, 1896

HARRY F. TILDEN, Town Clerk, *ex officio*, Clerk of Board.

REPORT

OF

THE TOWN CLERK.

DOINGS

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Extracts from the Town Records.

The Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset was held Monday, March 4, 1895, agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same, at which time the several articles contained were acted upon as follows: —

(The number of registered voters was 509 males, 1 female.)

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting. *Chose*, Louis T. Cushing, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To act upon the financial reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Librarian and Treasurer of the Public Library, School Committee and Treasurer of School Committee, and Auditor.

Each of the above reports was, by a vote, accepted.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote that all Town Officers may be voted for at one time, the Polls to be kept open for the same until 12.30 P.M.

It was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 4. To vote for Town Officers.

Ruled out by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 5. To choose all Town Officers required by law and Town By-Laws.

A list of the Officers chosen at this meeting and appointed by the Selectmen may be seen upon page 4.

ARTICLE 6. What sums of money will the Town raise and appropriate for the payment of debt, interest, support of schools, repairs

of highways, relief of poor, public library, electric lights, watering streets, decorating soldiers' and sailors' graves, soldiers' and sailors' relief, and all other necessary charges and expenses for the current year.

It was voted that twenty-eight thousand seven hundred and seventy-five dollars ($28,775.00) be assessed and raised by taxation the current year, as recommended by the Selectmen.

It was voted that forty-eight thousand seven hundred and seventy-five dollars ($48,775.00) be appropriated the current year as recommended by the Selectmen, which was as follows: —

For Payment of Debt	$6,400.00
" " Interest	3,000.00
Support of School	12,750.00
Support and Relief of Poor	5,000.00
Highways and Sidewalks	7,000.00
Electric Lights	5,000.00
Cohasset and Hingham Water Companies	1,950.00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	800.00
Town Officers	1,600.00
Watering Streets	1,200.00
Incidental Expenses	1,000.00
Fire Department	500.00
Removing Snow	500.00
Public Library	875.00
Printing	300.00
Straits Pond	200.00
Cattle Inspection	200.00
Military Aid	200.00
Town Hall	200.00
G. A. R. Post 98	100.00
Total	$48,775.00

ARTICLE 7. Will the Town authorize the Treasurer to hire money, with the approval of the Selectmen, in anticipation of the taxes, and to pay State and Military Aid.

It was voted that he be so authorized.

ARTICLE 8. In what manner will the Town collect the taxes for the current year, and at what time shall they be paid into the treasury.

It was voted that the taxes the current year be collected in the same manner, and paid into the treasury at the same time as last year, which was: "The taxes assessed for the current year shall be due and payable on the first day of August; and on all taxes remain-

ing unpaid on the first day of October, interest, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, shall be added thereto until paid; and the taxes remaining unpaid on the tenth day of January (1896) shall be considered delinquent, and subject to collection according to law. The interest accruing under this vote shall be added to and be a part of such taxes."

ARTICLE 9. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide-boards, and act thereon.

It was voted that the above report be accepted. The report is as follows: —

"Guide-boards are maintained at the following places: corner of Church and Beechwood Streets; Doane and Beechwood; King and Beechwood; Beechwood and South Main; South Main and Summer; Summer and Border; North Main and King; Forest Avenue and North Main; North Main and Jerusalem Road; Jerusalem Road and Forest Avenue, and Hull Street and Jerusalem Road."

ARTICLE 10. Will the Town accept the list of Jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

It was voted that the requests of four persons to have their name stricken from, and of one person to have his name added to, the list of Jurors, be granted, making the list, as accepted by the Town, as follows: —

Edwin Bates,	George O. Higgins,
Thomas D. Blossom,	Joseph D. Hutchinson,
Herbert O. Beal,	Frederic G. James,
Charles F. Bennett,	Thomas F. Kinsley,
Isaac W. Beal,	George W. Kimball,
Franklin Beal,	Waldo C. Locke,
Robert L. Curtis,	Thomas Lincoln,
Thomas W. Doyle,	Elmer W. Lewis,
John M. Damon,	Henry L. McMahon,
Edward E. Ellms,	George W. Pratt,
Leander W. Groce,	Charles J. Priest,
Warren S. Gammons,	John L. Pratt,
John W. Hunt,	C. James Pratt,
John Roche, Jr.,	Israel N. Small,
Thomas A. Rich,	Manuel P. Valine,
William W. Studley,	Levi L. Worrick,

Israel C. Vinal.

ARTICLE 11. What compensation will the Town allow the Collector of Taxes for the current year.

It was voted that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the current year be the same as last year; namely, two hundred dollars.

ARTICLE 12. Will the Town instruct its Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts Highway Commission for a State Road leading from the Hingham line, through North and South Main Streets to the Scituate line, and authorize them to contract with the Commission for the building of the same.

It was voted to instruct the Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts Highway Commission for a State Road leading from the Hingham line, through North and South Main Streets to the Scituate line, and authorize them to contract with the Commission for the building of the same.

ARTICLE 13. Will the Town accept the provisions of Sections 74, 75, 76, and 77 of Chap. 27 of the Public Statutes so as to have three Road Commissioners instead of a Superintendent of Streets, or act thereon.

It was voted that this article be passed over.

ARTICLE 14. Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in the Town the current year, in accordance with Chap. 100, Sec. 5, of the Public Statutes.

Upon the above question, two hundred and twenty-three ballots were cast, of which one hundred and thirteen were "Yes," and one hundred and ten were "No."

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum sufficient to place a marker of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at the grave of each Revolutionary soldier or sailor buried in this Town, the expense not to exceed one dollar each.

It was voted that the sum of thirty dollars ($30.00) be raised and appropriated to place a marker of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at the grave of each Revolutionary soldier or sailor buried in this Town.

It was voted that Frank A. Field and Edward E. Wentworth serve as a Committee of two, to purchase and properly place the same.

ARTICLE 16. To hear and act upon the report of any Committee.

It was voted to accept the report on Town History read by Dr. Oliver H. Howe, also that the Committee be appointed for another year.

It was voted that the matter in relation to warming the Town Hall be laid on the table.

It was voted that the Committee for buying a new cemetery, now that their duty had been performed, be discharged.

ARTICLE 17. Will the Town contract with the Cohasset Electric Company for twelve additional lights, to be located on North Main

Street between Ripley Road and the Hingham line, said twelve lights to be placed alternately with those now in use.

It was voted that the matter of contracting with the Cohasset Electric Company for twelve additional lights be referred to the Selectmen, with full power.

ARTICLE 18. Will the Town lay out and construct a highway from the te[illegible]s of Pleasant Street to King Street.

It was vo[illegible] [illegible]t this article be passed over.

ARTICLE 19. Will the Town instruct the Selectmen to lay out and build a road from the westerly end of Pleasant Street in Cohasset, thence different courses and near land of Thomas F. Kinsley, to Beechwood Street, and raise and appropriate two thousand dollars for the same, or act thereon.

It was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 20. Will the Town instruct the Selectmen to extend Pleasant Street over the tracks of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. to Main Street, and raise and appropriate one thousand dollars for the same, or act thereon.

It was voted that a Committee consisting of the Selectmen and two others, to be appointed by the Chair, confer with the Railroad Officials of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., by which this article will be accomplished, and that they be given full power to act for the Town.

The Committee appointed by the Chair to act on above article with the Selectmen were Daniel N. Tower and Elliot Stoddard.

ARTICLE 21. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase Hooks, Ladders, and Truck, and a suitable building to keep the same, for the Beechwood district, or act on anything relating thereto.

It was voted that the sum of one thousand dollars be raised and appropriated to purchase Hooks, Ladders, and Truck, and a suitable place to keep the same, for the Beechwood district and the engineers have the charge of the same.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to consider and report upon the condition of Straits Pond, and recommend any action by the Town in reference thereto.

It was voted that a Committee of three, consisting of M. F. Dickinson, Jr., Horace W. Wadleigh, and Joseph B. Lincoln, be appointed to consider and report at the next annual meeting upon the condition of Straits Pond.

ARTICLE 23. Will the Town cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February, 1896.

It was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 24. Will the Town appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars to paint the Town Hall building, and the three buildings of the Fire Department, or act on anything relating thereto.

It was voted that the sum of six hundred dollars be appropriated to paint the Town Hall building and the three buildings of the Fire Department, and that the sum be divided between the Selectmen and the Engineers; namely, three hundred dollars for each.

It was voted that the thanks of the meeting be extended to the Moderator for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over this meeting.

The usual noon recess was taken, at which time lunch was served to those who desired, by the ladies of the W. C. T. U., in the dining-room, and at five o'clock in the afternoon the meeting was dissolved.

ELECTION RECORD.

November, 1895.

Number of Registered Voters in Cohasset, 512 males, 2 females.
Whole number of ballots cast, 276 males, 2 females.

Governor.

	Total Vote.	Vote of Cohasset.
Elbridge Gerry Brown, P. P., of Brockton	7,786	0
Frederic T. Greenhalge, Rep., of Lowell	186,280	185
Edward Kendall, Pro., of Cambridge	9,170	5
Moritz E. Ruther, S. L., of Holyoke	3,249	0
George Fred. Williams, Dem., of Dedham	121,599	78
Blanks		8

Lieutenant-Governor.

Thomas C. Buddington, P. P., of Springfield	7,139	0
James S. Grinnell, Dem., of Greenfield	117,267	70
Patrick F. O'Neil, S. L., of Boston	5,645	4
Edward S. Rogers, Pro., of Lee	10,725	6
Roger Wolcott, Rep., of Boston	181,524	189
Blanks		7

Secretary.

Edward J. Flynn, Dem., of Boston	114,278	66
Joseph F. Maloney, S. L., of Lynn	4,216	1
Charles D. Nash, P. P., of Whitman	7,395	2
William M. Olin, Rep., of Boston	184,460	186
Willard O. Wylie, Pro., of Essex	8,352	4
Blanks		17

Treasurer.

Martin W. Moran, P. P., of Boston	7,758	2
Wilbur M. Purrington, Pro., of Williamsburg	8,109	5
Edward P. Shaw, Rep., of Newburyport	180,816	178
Eben S. Stevens, Dem., of Dudley	115,778	74
Charles N. Wentworth, S. L., of Lynn	4,559	1
Blanks		16

Auditor.

John W. Kimball, Rep., of Fitchburg	181,029	184
Frederick A. Nagler, S. L., of West Springfield	4,142	2
Andrew H. Paton, P. P., of Danvers	6,197	0
Herman T. Regnell, Pro., of Attleborough	7,597	2
Alfred C. Whitney, Dem., of Boston	116,069	72
Blanks		16

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Frank M. Forbush, Pro., of Natick	8,610	4
Henry F. Hurlburt, Dem., of Lynn	116,880	69
Hosea M. Knowlton, Rep., of New Bedford	181,615	182
Squire E. Putney, S. L., of Somerville	3,807	0
Conrad Reno, P. P., of Boston	5,595	0
Blanks		21

COUNCILLOR. — First District.

George H. Palmer, Dem., of Fairhaven	9,925	73
Nathaniel F. Ryder, Rep., of Middleborough	21,911	178
Blanks		25

SENATOR. — First Plymouth District.

Albert F. Barker, Rep., of Hanson	4,020	178
James P. Beal, P. P., of Abington	271	0
Benjamin F. Peterson, Dem., of Whitman	1,926	72
Leonard Thompson, Pro., of Hingham	205	9
Blanks		17

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT. — Fourth Plymouth District.

Walter L. Bouvé, Rep., of Hingham	543	171
Thomas H. Buttimer, Dem., of Hingham	378	86
Edward G. Knight, Pro., of Hull	119	9
Blanks		10

DISTRICT ATTORNEY. — Southeastern District.

Robert O. Harris, Rep., of East Bridgewater	24,190	197
Blanks		79

COUNTY COMMISSIONER. — Norfolk.

Thomas Blanchard, Rep., of Stoughton	13,387	198
Blanks		78

TWO SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS. — Norfolk.

Everett J. Eaton, Rep., of Needham	10,691	163
Curtis McIntosh, Rep. Citizens' Nom. Paper, of Needham	1,726	3
Cornelius J. Murphy, Dem., of Norfolk	5,868	64
Lewis R. Whitaker, Rep., of Franklin	9,685	123
Blanks		199

SHERIFF. — Norfolk.

Augustus B. Endicott, Rep. Independent Nom. Paper, Dem., of Dedham . . .	10,880	161
Abram C. Paul, P. P. Rep., of Stoughton . .	7,426	100
Blanks		15

Is it expedient that municipal suffrage be granted to women?

	Total Male Vote.	Vote of Cohasset.	Total Female Vote.	Vote of Cohasset.
Yes	86,970	56	22,204	2
No	186,976	148	861	0
Blanks		72		0

Vote of the Fourth Plymouth District for Representative to the General Court: —

	Hingham.	Cohasset.	Hull.	Totals.
Walter L. Bouvé, of Hingham,	353	171	19	543
Thomas H. Buttimer, of Hingham,	206	86	86	378
Edward G. Knight, of Hull,	79	9	31	119
Charles H. Marble, of Hingham,	1	0	0	1
F. H. Lincoln, of Hingham,	1	0	0	1
Fred. H. Miller, of Hingham,	1	0	0	1
Blanks	30	10	5	45
Totals . . .	671	276	141	1,088

It appearing that Walter L. Bouvé, of Hingham, had received a plurality of the votes given in, a certificate of election was issued to him.

MILITARY DUTY.

The number of men in Cohasset liable to perform Military Duty May 1, 1895 341

The number of dogs licensed in Cohasset from December 1, 1894, to December 1, 1895, was: —

Male	142
Female	5
Total	147

LIST OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS

Registered in Cohasset during the Year 1895.

MARRIAGES.

Date.	NAME.	Residence.	Where and by whom Married.
Jan. 18	Frank Enos Salvador Kate Smith	Cohasset New York	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Fr. Ignatius P. Egan.
Jan. 20	Abraham Antoine Valine Bridget Mary Monahan	Cohasset ,,	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Fr. Ignatius P. Egan.
Feb. 21	Frank Charles John Barnard Lydia Louisa Sharp	Scituate Cohasset	Married in Beechwood by Rev. W. Walder Jubb, of Fall River.
Feb. 27	William Sylvanus Simmons Laura Estella Wood	Norwell Cohasset	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood, D.D.
June 5	Percipal S. Brown Hattie F. Cottle	Scituate ,,	Married in Beechwood by Rev. John Sharp.
June 26	William Channing Appleton Edna Marion Turner	Cohasset ,,	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Eugene R. Shippen of Dorchester.
July 17	Fred William Hersey Cora F. Morse	Hingham ,,	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood, D.D.
July 18	Burton Stanley Treat Effie Louise Cousens	Cohasset ,,	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood, D.D.
July 21	William Hamilton McGaw Ellen Charlotte Rooney	So. Braintree Cohasset	Married in Braintree by Rev. Sherman E. Ellis.
July 31	George Foster Higgins Mary Louise Tillson	Cohasset Provincetown	Married in Provincetown by Rev. Walter P. Buck.
Aug. 5	Frederic William Vogell Mary Isadore Cleverly	Hull Hull	Married in Cohasset by Rev. E. Victor Bigelow.
Oct. 9	Edwin Victor Bigelow Carrie Theodosia Hardwick	Cohasset Quincy	Married in Quincy by Rev. Edward Norton.
Oct. 24	Nathaniel B. McLain Katie Ellen Powers	Cohasset Hingham	Married in Hingham by Rev. Edward S. Ufford, of Chicopee.
Nov. 5	Elmer E. Mott Jeanie Reed	Scituate ,,	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood, D.D.
Nov. 7	Charles Benjamin Streight Mary Joyce	Cohasset ,,	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Fr. Ignatius P. Egan.
Nov. 24	Perey L. Young Malvina H. Litchfield	Scituate ,,	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood, D.D.
Nov. 27	John William Mulcahy Hannah Agnes Hart	Cohasset Boston	Married in Boston by Rev. Fr. J. S. McKane.

MARRIAGES — *Continued.*

Date.	NAME.	Residence.	Where and by whom Married.
Nov. 27	Pelesphore J. Martin	Brockton . . .	Married in Beechwood by Rev.
	Lizzie Vargus	Scituate . . .	George J. Newton.
Nov. 28	Daniel Sweeney	Cohasset . . .	Married in Cohasset by Rev.
	Catherine Agnes McCarthy .	,, . . .	Fr. Ignatius P. Egan.
Dec. 24	Joseph Francis Martin . . .	Cohasset . . .	Married in Cohasset by Rev.
	Bessie Freeman Higgins . . .	Waltham . . .	Fr. Ignatius P. Egan.
Dec. 25	James Edward Crouse	Cohasset . . .	Married in Hingham by Rev.
	Molly Levon Whitman	,, . . .	W. J. Hambleton.

Twenty-one marriages were registered in Cohasset as per list above, of which fifteen were solemnized in this town. Twelve grooms and nine brides were residents of Cohasset, while there were but six marriages in which both were residents of this town.

BIRTHS. — 1895.

Date.		NAME.	PARENTS' NAME.	Mother's M. N.	Place of Birth.
Jan.	21	Elsie Cameron Butman	Joseph E. and Mary A	Stewart	Elm St.
"	22	Elsie Marie Tower	— Edith	Tower	Pleasant St.
"	31	Grace Connell	Patrick J. and Sarah	McElwain	Jerusalem Road.
Feb.	22	Martha Washington Enos	Joseph S. and Eliza A.	Antoine	Summer St.
Mar.	12	Mary Elizabeth McGrath	— Mary L.	Antoine	Stockbridge St.
Mar.	13	Charles Henry Wood	Charles B. and Clara E.	Higgins	Beechwood St.
"	21	James Albert Kennedy	John and Mary	Connell	Smith Place.
"	23	Helen Agnes Sullivan	Eugene and Minnie	McAuliffe	Smith Place.
"	24	Frank Thomas Jason	Frank and Marguerite L.	Supple	Snow Place.
"	26	Ernest Amil Bretsneider	Paul G. and Mary A.	Herter	King Street.
April	10	Annie J. Roderick	John and Mary	Laurens	James Lane.
"	16	Arthur James Bandura	Joseph F. and Mary L.	Johnson	Border St.
"	17	Mary Ellen Keating Margaret Josephine Keating	John T. and Maggie	McDonough	Pleasant St.
"	23	Ellery Sidney	Antoine J. and Josephine	Frates	Stockbridge St.
"	28	Ruth Adaline Keene	Arthur R. and Adelaide A.	Studley	Beach St.
May	1	Mary Evelina Flemming	John and Delia	Kelly	Border St.
"	19	Charles Clifford Gammons	Charles W. and Edith J.	Tower	Highland Ave.
"	30	George Henry Nickerson	Henry R. and Cornelia	Denton	So. Main St.
"	31	Joseph Curtis Anderson	Joseph C. and Annie F.	McKay	Beechwood St.
June	5	Mary Theresa Salvator	Manuel E. and Theresa A.	Azevedo	Atlantic Ave.
"	23	Ruth Margaret Williams	William W. and Ethel	McLeod	Summer St.
"	24	Julia Elizabeth Vickery	Samuel F. and Emma H.	Taylor	King St.
"	29	Herman Edward Daley	Bartholomew and Ellen	Cronican	Pleasant St.
"	30	Charles Robert Beaanson	Albert E. and Cora M.	Whitman	Hull St.
July	15	Corissantine Foster Angle	Joseph A. and Marianna	Pearson	Atlantic Ave.
"	18	Florence Louise Burwell	John W. and Ella L.	Bassett	Summer St.
"	19	Percival Norman James	Frederick G. and Elizabeth R.	McCormack	King St.
"	19	Jessie Bell Griffin	Fred and Annie	McAskill	Hull St.
"	20	Gordan Donald Brickett	Edward L. and Grace O.	Newman	Jerusalem Road.
"	26	Frank Sylva Frates	Joseph and Mary A.	Avila	Stockbridge St.
"	27	Joseph Edward Holland	James W. and Annie	McNeil	Border St.
"	28	Ralph Edward Morse	George W. and Mary A.	Kelly	No. Main St.
Aug.	6	Marjorie Greenwood Nott	Charles E. and Clara M.	Small	Pleasant St.
"	7	James Standard Towle	E. Herbert and Sarah C.	Nichols	So. Main St.
"	7	Frederick Garrett Roche Francis Morris Roche	John and Mary H.	Murphy	No. Main St.
"	16	Marguerite H. Phelps	William S. and Freda	Horner	So. Main St.
Sept.	2	John Mings Curtis	Thomas and Mary	Ratchford	No. Main St.
"	5	Ethel Jordan Stevens	Edward L. and Catherine D.		Boston.
"	11	Ruby Nile Wheelwright	Frank W. and Lillian M.	Stoddard	Beechwood St.
Oct.	2	Wendall Reed Studley	Charles W. and Emma J.	Reed	Pleasant St.
"	8	Charles Joseph McMenamin	William J. and Catherine	Robertson	Summer St.
"	8	Thelma Eunice Bobo	Alexander R. and Emily N.	Stewart	Spring St.
"	18	Ellen Lillian Litchfield	William H. and Susan	Bates	No. Main St.
"	24	Julian Cheever Howe	Oliver H. and Martha	Paul	No. Main St.
"	28	John Alfred Dean	William and Jessie	McDonald	Atlantic Ave.
Nov.	1	Rosanna Alice James	William and Mary	McDonald	Highland Ave.
"	6	Gladdiss May Grassie	Thomas S. and Mary J.	Healey	Border St.
"	6	Marion Lanora Bagwell	John J. and Mary A.	Finnegan	Jerusalem Road.
"	11	Austin William Bates	William, Jr. and Miriam L.	Burbank	King St.
Dec.	7	Joseph William Leonard McNamara	James H. and Minnie J.	Tanner	Hull St.
"	14	Margaret Elizabeth Mulvey	William and Margaret	Devine	Pond St.
"	20	— Kimball	Henry B. and Minnie A.	Cutler	So. Main St.
"	26	— Litchfield	Llewellyn A. and Annie L.	Steele	Church St.
"	30	— Treat	Burton S. and Effie L.	Cousens	Elm St.
1894.					
April	20	Dorothy Margaret Grassie	Joseph J. and Margaret	Farrall	Spring St.

The above list contains the names of fifty-five babies born in Cohasset in 1895, one born in 1894 — omitted from the last report, and one born in 1895, in Boston.

Of those born in 1895, there were twenty-nine males and twenty-seven females, with parentage as follows: —

American Father and American Mother	26	Foreign Father and American Mother	6
American Father and Foreign Mother	8	Foreign Father and Foreign Mother	15

DEATHS.—1895.

Date.	NAME.	Age. Y.	M.	D.	Cause of Death.	Place of Death.
Jan. 6	Joseph Francis Antoine .		3		Accidental Overlaying . .	Spring St.
,, 10	[1] Ann O'Brien	80			Valvular Disease of Heart	No. Maine St.
,, 24	Orrin Francis Beal . . .	23		10	Bright's Disease	Cedar St.
Feb. 9	Martha L. (Litchfield) Lincoln	63	6	14	Heart Disease	Beechwood St.
Feb. 16	Mercy V. Bates	62	11	14		Rockl'd, Mass.
,, 17	Thomas W. Clarke	60	2		Chronic Bronchitis	Boston.
,, 27	[1] Barney Rooney	45	3		Bright's Disease	Stockbridge St.
Mar. 11	[1] Edward Powers	60	6	3	Broncho-Pneumonia . .	No. Main St.
,, 15	Mrs. Ann T. Collier . . .				General Debility	N. Orleans, La.
,, 31	Caroline E. Pratt	80	2		Broncho-Pneumonia . .	Beechwood St.
April 2	Helen F. (Flemming) Mulvey	22	10	18	Phthisis Pulmonalis . . .	No. Main St.
,, 6	John D. Tower	74	2	18	Pneumonia	Boston.
,, 9	[2] Ellen (Mulcahy) Murphy	38			Diabetes	Stockbridge St.
,, 18	Mary L. Bates	78		16	Old Age	Boston.
,, 24	Zoa Whitcomb Pratt . .	1		18	Diphtheria	Beechwood St.
May 1	[1] Ephraim Lincoln	62	8	1	Heart Disease	Jerusalem R'd.
,, 4	Timothy L. Burbank . . .	70	8	4	Valvular Disease of Heart	King St.
,, 27	Helen Leonare Mulvey .	1	5	17	Meningitis	Pond St.
,, 29	Mary (Mathew) Loney . .	41	7	9	Acute Œdema of Lungs .	Pleasant St.
June 15	[1] John Roche, Sr	79	3		Atony of Stomach	Jerusalem R'd.
,, 18	Rebecca N. (Burbank) Bates	75	6		Cardiac Asthenia	No. Main St.
July 24	[1] John T. Sweeney	24		27	Rheumatism of Heart . .	No. Scituate.
,, 28	George Clark Brewster .		4	17	Gastro Enteritis	Pleasant St.
Aug. 1	Susan N. (Bates) Tower .	77	2	20	Hæmaturia	Elm St.
,, 7	[3] Annie J. Roderick		3	27	Cholera Infantum	James Lane.
,, 9	Eugene H. White	1	5		Cholera Infantum	Cedar St.
,, 10	Paulina (Snow) Joy . . .	87	7	29	Paralysis	So. Main St.
,, 11	[4] Carrie A. Kiamer		9	21	Cholera Infantum	Cohasset.
,, 24	[3] Frances M. (Joseph) Antoine	68	8		Influenza	Summer St.
,, 27	Christantine Foster Angle		2	12	Cholera Infantum	Atlantic Ave.
Sept. 1	Mary Theresa Salvador .		2	26	Colitis	Atlantic Ave.
,, 1	William Pratt Stoughton .	10		9	Tabes Mesenterica	Beechwood St.
,, 7	[3] Annie P. Jason	1	1	17	Peritonitis	Spring St.
,, 9	[3] Mary Elizabeth McGrath		5	25	Gastro Duodemitis	Stockbridge St.
,, 10	Catherine Bates	47	4	4	Chronic Bright's Disease	Boston.
,, 26	Cummings L. Lothrop . .	72	10	2	Nephritis	Boston.
,, 30	Marianna (Pearson) Angle	28	4	29	Acute Phthisis	Atlantic Ave.
Oct. 7	Martha L. (Burrell) Beal .	85	3	21	Heart Disease	Hull St.
,, 8	Olive N. (Whitcomb) Arnold	65		14	Typhoid	Church St.
,, 9	Eliza A. (Raymond) Clark	50	9	25	Pneumonia	Jerusalem R'd.
,, 13	Benjamin Rush Pegram .	67	5	19	Paralysis	So. Main St.
,, 17	John Snath Pereira . . .	8	5	12	Acute Bright's Disease .	Beechwood St.
Nov. 5	Charles F. Wells	57	3	12	Pneumonia	Hingham.
,, 8	[3] Anne (Ryan) Thomas . .	73	11	20	Pneumonia	Pleasant St.
,, 8	Marguerite H. Phelps . .		3		Spina Bifida	So. Main St.
,, 11	Lydia J. (Peaks) Barnes .	70	5		Cancer	King St.
,, 21	Chloe D. (Hill) Evans . .	68	7		Chronic Bronchitis	Elm St.
,, 21	Henry L. Morris	45	8		Cancer	Beechwood St.
,, 28	[1] James O'Brien	60			Cancer	Pleasant St.
Dec. 4	Albert V. Barnes	83	8	2	Acute Cystitis	No. Main St.
,, 9	Benjamin Foss Evans . .	57	11	11	Heart Failure	Elm St.
,, 9	Sarah C. (Briggs) Vinal .	62	2	9	Cancer	Elm St.
,, 27	David S. G. Doane	68			Cerebral Hemorrhage . .	Boston.
,, 31	Frank L. Parker	46	5	20	Uræmic Convulsions . . .	Worcester.
1894.						
Dec. 19	[1] Cathrine (McGowan) Griffin	32			Dropsy	Hull.

[1] Buried at Hingham.
[2] Buried at Boston.
[3] Buried at Scituate.
[4] Buried at Bedford.

The above list comprises fifty-five names, and includes one that was omitted from the last report and nine who have died in other places, who were residents of this town, or were brought here for burial.

Of the forty-five who died in this town, nineteen were males and twenty-six were females, and their average age was forty-two years, eight months, and seven days. Twenty-one were born in Cohasset, four in Boston, two in Hingham, two in Scituate, one in Bedford, one in Medford, two in Virginia, one in Maine, one in New Hampshire, and ten in foreign countries. Twelve were under five years, one beween five and ten, one between ten and twenty, four between twenty and thirty, one between thirty and forty, three between forty and fifty, two between fifty and sixty, nine between sixty and seventy, seven between seventy and eighty, and five over eighty years of age.

HARRY F. TILDEN, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the Town of Cohasset herewith submit their Annual Report of the expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1895.

After the organization of the Board, the first matter which came before it for consideration was the care of travelers for whom the Town is required to provide a night's lodging upon their request. These travelers to this time had been cared for at the lockup in the basement of the Town house, a place wholly unsuitable and unadapted for such a purpose, having but two single bunks to sleep in when nightly accommodations were required for numbers varying from one to nineteen, the latter being the largest number provided for any one night. Aside from the above-named objection, the fact was obvious that the use of the lockup for such a purpose rendered it unavailable for that for which it was constructed, should occasion require. Your Selectmen, therefore, after duly considering the matter, the present and future needs of the Town, decided to build a small building particularly adapted for the accommodation of these numerous transient travelers, at the Town farm. Such a building was at once constructed, in which are twelve double bunks, and furnished with a correspondingly sized seating transom, table, and stove. Each applicant for lodging is required to procure from some member of the Board a ticket, or card of admission, prepared for the purpose, addressed to the Superintendent of the Almshouse, upon which is his signature (if he can place it), his age, residence, and place where he put up the previous night. Since the completion of the building, about the first of May, one hundred and thirty-one persons have been cared for, and the Almshouse account has been credited forty cents for each, which is a much smaller cost per head to the Town than when provided for at the lockup. They are required to perform two hours' labor before they are allowed to depart, as far as practicable.

Having been vacated by the travelers, the lockup was thoroughly cleansed, painted, and the bunks provided with new mattresses and blankets, and the expense charged in the Town Hall and Lockup account; it is now in good condition for use as intended.

The health of the Town next claimed attention, and the Board at once prepared Rules and Regulations and caused them to be printed and posted in public places. They are as follows: —

REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE TOWN OF COHASSET.

Extracts from the Public Statutes of Massachusetts, Chapter 80: —

SECTION 18. The Board of Health of a town shall make such regulations as it judges necessary for the public health and safety respecting nuisances, sources of filth, and causes of sickness within its town or on board of vessels within the harbor of such town, and respecting articles which are capable of containing or conveying infection or contagion, or of creating sickness brought into or conveyed from its town, or into or from any vessel. Whoever violates any such regulations shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SECTION 19. The Board shall give notice of all regulations made by it by publishing the same in some newspaper of its town, or, where there is no such newspaper, by posting them up in some public place in the town. Such notice shall be deemed legal notice to all persons.

ACTS OF 1884, CHAPTER 98.

SECTION 1. When a householder knows that a person within his family is sick of smallpox, diphtheria, or scarlet fever, or any other disease dangerous to the public health, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the Selectmen or Board of Health of the town in which he dwells, and upon the death, recovery, or removal of such person, the rooms occupied and the articles used by him shall be disinfected by such household in a manner approved by the Board of Health. Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with either of the above provisions shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. When a physician knows that a person whom he is called to visit is infected with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or any other disease dangerous to the public health, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the Selectmen or Board of Health of the town; and if he refuses or neglects to give such notice he shall forfeit for each offence not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars.

(The Board of Health considers smallpox, scarlet fever, measles, typhoid fever, diphtheria, membranous croup, cholera, yellow fever, typhus fever, cerebro-spinal meningitis, hydrophobia, malignant pustule, leprosy, and trichinosis to come within the meaning of sections one and two of the above.)

ACTS OF 1885, CHAPTER 198.

The School Committee shall not allow any pupil to attend the public schools while any member of the household to which such pupil belongs is sick of smallpox, diphtheria, or scarlet fever, or during a period of two weeks after the death, recovery, or removal of such sick person; and any pupil coming from such household shall be required to present to the teacher of the school the pupil desires to attend a certificate from the attending physician or Board of Health of the facts necessary to entitle him to admission in accordance with the above regulations.

ACTS OF 1887, CHAPTER 252.

Whoever has knowledge of, or has good reason to suspect the existence of a contagious disease among any domestic animals in this State, whether such knowledge is obtained by personal examination or otherwise, shall forthwith give notice thereof to the Board of Health of the city or town where such diseased animals are kept, and for failure so to do shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in jail not exceeding one year.

CHAPTER 80, SECTION 51. Parents and guardians shall cause their children and wards to be vaccinated before they attain the age of two years, and re-vaccinated when the Selectmen or Mayor and Aldermen shall, after five years from the last vaccination, require it. For every year's neglect the party offending shall forfeit five dollars.

CHAPTER 80, SECTION 53. Towns shall furnish means of vaccination to such of their inhabitants as are unable to pay for the same.

CHAPTER 47, SECTION 9. The School Committee shall not allow a child who has not been duly vaccinated to be admitted to or connected with the public schools.

REGULATIONS.

SECTION 1. No person shall sell or offer for sale in this town any diseased meat or fish, or unwholesome provisions of any kind, or have such in his possession with intent to sell.

SECTION 2. Persons having the care or custody of domestic animals suspected of being diseased, and having received an order for their restriction, shall neither sell, trade, nor in any way dispose of them, nor move or allow them to be moved from the place assigned, nor allow other animals not already exposed to come in contact with them till permitted to do so by the State Cattle Commissioners.

SECTION 3. On and after May 1, no person shall keep a piggery within the limits of this town without the written consent of this Board.
(The keeping of five or more pigs shall constitute a piggery.)

SECTION 4. No person shall keep a pig within twenty feet of a dwelling-house or tenement owned or occupied by any person other than his own family.

SECTION 5. No person shall keep three or more pigs within fifty feet of a dwelling-house or tenement owned or occupied by any other person than his own family.

SECTION 6. Any person to whom a written consent to keep a piggery has been given by this Board, and any person keeping one or more pigs, who in keeping such piggeries or pigs causes a nuisance to persons residing in that neighborhood, shall on notice from this Board remove such piggeries and pigs from his premises.

SECTION 7. All receptacles for swill shall be kept closely covered, and no person shall transport any swill or offal into or through the streets of this town, except the same be in a close or boxed wagon.

SECTION 8. No swill, house offal, rubbish, or filth of any sort, or any animal or vegetable substance whatever, shall be deposited upon any of the beaches, vacant lots, or by the roadside, or be thrown into any stream or pond.

SECTION 9. All persons shall keep their cesspool and privy vaults in such condition as not to be a nuisance in the neighborhood where they are located.

SECTION 10. No vault or cesspool shall be opened between the first day of July and the first day of September unless the Board of Health shall be satisfied of the necessity of the same for the comfort and safety of the inhabitants.

SECTION 11. No person shall allow the sewage or waste water from his premises to flow into any pond, brook, or open ditch, or upon any sidewalk, gutter, or street surface, or to form stagnant pools in any place within the town.

SECTION 12. Any person within the limits of this town who maintains a condition of things, which, from any cause not mentioned in the previous regulations, in the opinion of this Board, constitutes a nuisance to the neighborhood or a

danger to the public health, shall, on receipt of a notice from this Board, at once cause such nuisance or danger to the public health to be removed.

SECTION 13. All complaints in relation to nuisances and sources of filth injurious to the public health must be made in writing to the Board of Health, with the description of said nuisances and of the premises on which they exist, with the owner's name, if known to the complainant. Such complaints must bear the signature of the complainant.

OLIVER H. HOWE, M.D.,
Physician of the Board of Health.

PHILANDER BATES, JOSEPH S. BIGELOW, NEWCOMB B. TOWER, } *Board of Health.*

COHASSET, April 4, 1895.

Complaints having been made of the impure condition of James brook during the summer, the Board of Health carefully investigated the matter and did what they could to abate the nuisance. Believing the cause to have been the flowing of sewage into the brook, it requested all persons who convey the overflow of their cesspools thereto to cease doing so before April 1 next. A cheerful compliance with the above request will prevent the repetition of the nuisance the coming summer. The Board have, as a precautionary measure, caused the brook to be cleaned and dug out from the bridge on Pleasant Street to its entrance to the harbor.

A petition, numerously signed, was presented to the Selectmen, asking for the appointment of a night police.

In accordance with this petition, and the provisions of the Public Statutes in such cases, two police officers were appointed early in the summer, from the Constabulatory force elected at the Annual Meeting last held. William E. Crocker and Manuel S. Enos were appointed; and this new step seeming to meet with the approval of the citizens, an amount for the continuance of the service has been placed with the estimates for the current expenses of the ensuing year.

The Tally-ho suit for damages, occasioned by the overturning of a coach drawn by carelessly driven horses on South Main Street, in June, 1892, after having been upon the trial list for a number of court terms, was finally put upon trial last May. The Town's side of the case was fully prepared and witnesses summoned, when upon the day of the trial the counsel for the complainants withdrew the suit, thereby ending this much-talked-of case. The summoned witnesses have generally refunded the fees paid them in advance, less such expense as they had necessarily incurred, thereby considerably reducing the anticipated cost to the Town.

In accordance with the vote of the Town at its last Annual Meeting a survey and plan of North Main Street has been made and

sent with a petition to the State Highway Commission, wherein the said Board was petitioned to construct a State highway from the Hingham line to the Scituate line through North and South Main streets. As the Commission had received a number of petitions before Cohasset's, and the State appropriation had been distributed, no work has yet been ordered. The Legislature soon to be in session will probably make a liberal appropriation to continue the work, of which our Townspeople may reasonably expect that Cohasset will get a share.

The bridge over the Gulf River, on Border Street, in the judgment of your Selectmen, will need to be rebuilt in the near future, and they propose to recommend, at the coming Annual Meeting, the construction of a new one, of either iron or stone, at which time they will be prepared to report the approximate cost of either.

The other matters in this report will be left for further consideration at the Annual Meeting.

EXPENDITURES.

Town of Cohasset, for the year ending December 31, 1895.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief.

William F. Harris and Three Children.

Paid Clarissa C. Harris, board of William F. to March 1, '95	$31.50	
C. B. Bridgham, M.D., Med. Att., William F.	3.00	
Town of Billerica, board of Children, to Oct. 1, '95,	363.38	
		$397.88

John C. Orcutt.

Paid City of Boston, board	$6.86	
Mass. Hospital for Dipsomaniacs	85.41	
		$92.27

Isaac H. Tower and Six Children.

Paid Tower Bros. & Co., fuel	$13.65	
Cohasset Clothing Co.	24.25	
P. Bates, boots, etc., and repairing	40.35	
O. H. Howe, M.D., Med. Att.	2.75	
		$81.00

Margaret Nott.

Paid Orders on Town Treasurer	$48.00

Emily N. Phinney.

Paid Orders on Town Treasurer	$72.00

Mrs. James Rooney and Three Children.

Paid Caleb Lothrop, agent, house rent	$90.00	
Tower Bros. & Co., fuel	15.71	
P. Bates, boots, etc., and repairing	15.25	
Cohasset Clothing Co.	4.00	
Caleb F. Nichols, groceries	6.18	
O. H. Howe, M.D., Med. Att.	4.00	
		$135.14
Total amount		$826.29

State and Military Aid.

Paid Harriet J. Apts	$48.00
Leander W. Groce	42.00
Julia F. Henry	28.00
Alfred Haskell	48.00
Warren Newcomb	54.00

Paid Delia Rooney (widow of James)	$48.00	
Robert L. Curtis	72.50	
Solomon J. Hayden	120.00	
Isaac H. Tower	48.00	
Willie F. Thayer	92.50	
Reuben S. Gurney	38.00	
Charles F. Bennett	96.00	
Total amount		$735.00
Amount to be reimbursed by the State		540.00
		$195.00

Henry Bryant Post, G. A. R.

Paid William F. Thayer, Quartermaster	$100.00

Sons of the American Revolution.

Paid M. D. Jones, markers for graves	$35.00

Cohasset and Hingham Water Co's.

Paid Treasurer of Cohasset Water Co.	$1,800.00	
" " Hingham " "	150.00	
		$1,950.00

Watering Streets.

Paid Hingham Water Co.	$220.00	
Charles S. Bates	500.00	
Estate of Alden Beal	300.00	
Caleb F. B. Tilden	150.00	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber for platform	23.23	
Manuel P. Valine, labor on, etc.	8.00	
		$1,201.23

Printing.

Paid Harry W. Souther, reports	$200.00	
" " warrants, etc.	43.75	
Cotton & Gould, blanks, tax bills, etc.	60.78	
George H. Ellis, poll tax list	16.25	
Pratt Bros., assessors' notices	1.25	
Sanford, Sawtelle & Co., assessors' books	6.25	
		$328.28

State and County Tax.

Paid State Treasurer	$2,880.00	
County Treasurer	4,594.68	
		$7,474.68

Schools.

Paid Treasurer of School Committee, appropriation	$12,750.00	
" " " " income of Ripley fund and dog money	275.14	
		$ 13,025.14

Electric Lights.

Paid Cohasset Electric Co.	$5,000.00

Fire Department.

Paid to order of Fire Engineers	$1,876.59

Highways.

Paid Philander Bates, Superintendent of Streets	$7,074.79	
Edward E. Tower, on account contract for road material for 1896	600.00	
		$7,674.79

Removing Snow.

Paid Estate of Alden Beal	$67.00	
C. F. B. Tilden and others	165.15	
Thomas L. Bates and others	52.00	
Amos E. Tilden " "	92.50	
William O. Souther and others	66.76	
Samuel E. Pratt " "	100.88	
Philander Bates, paid sundry persons	44.13	
Almshouse	19.75	
Timothy S. Gale	2.00	
Charles F. Tilden, repairs on ploughs	21.75	
		$631.92

State Highway.

Paid Daniel N. Tower, survey and plan	$118.00	
C. F. B. Tilden, team	1.00	
		$119.00

Straits Pond.

Paid George W. Beal, care of gates, etc.	$124.60	
Studley & McBride, repairs on gate	4.24	
Joseph F. Priest, deepening channel	5.00	
		$133.84

Public Library.

Paid Treasurer		$875.00

Abatements.

Paid from tax list of 1886	$6.50	
„ „ „ „ 1887	87.00	
„ „ „ „ 1888	99.56	
„ „ „ „ 1889	155.76	
„ „ „ „ 1890	176.59	
„ „ „ „ 1895	51.29	
		$576.70

Cattle Inspection.

Paid Caleb F. Nichols, Inspector		$125.00

Tramp Building.

Paid Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, etc.	$209.43	
Antoine Sidney, cedar posts	7.20	
John L. Pratt, carpentering	25.00	
Willie F. Thayer, „	25.00	
Charles F. Bennett, „	26.25	
Charles V. Barnes, „	28.75	
James W. Holland, masoning	3.50	
George E. Antoine, labor	2.00	
William H. Bates, „	4.00	
Fred G. James, „	2.00	
Seaverns & Spear, bedding	41.64	
Manuel S. Enos, painting	4.50	
Israel C. Vinal, „	2.50	
Allen C. Bates, stove, etc.	11.39	
	$393.16	

Tramps.

Paid Thomas S. Grassie, care of 69 at lockup	$34.50	
Henry E. Brennock, „ „ 198 „ „	75.00	
Manuel S. Enos, „ „ 175 „ „	58.27	
Edward E. Wentworth „ „ 42 „ „	21.00	
William E. Crocker, „ „ 7 „ „	2.38	
Lincoln Bros., coal, lockup	24.78	
Gross & Nichols, crackers and cheese, lockup	54.17	
Henry W. Souther, record book, lockup	1.05	
Almshouse account, 131 in tramp house	52.40	
	$323.55	

Town Hall and Lockup.

Paid Cohasset Electric Co.	$130.48	
Caleb Lothrop, Agent, Insurance Prem.	55.00	
Allen C. Bates, repairs on furnace, etc.	47.18	
Lincoln Bros., fuel	33.72	
Manuel S. Enos. painting, etc.	13.63	
Seaverns & Spear, bedding	6.94	
Artificial Leather Co., covering for doors	7.50	
James W. Holland, labor on chimneys	12.25	
George E. Antoine, „ „ „	6 00	
Henry E. Brennock, „ „ „	1.50	
Patrick Downes „ „ steps	8.00	
Mary Riley, cleaning Selectmen's room	2.00	
Cornelius Kenney, clearing cellar	5.00	
Israel C. Vinal, varnishing Selectmen's room	5.20	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, cement, etc.	26.18	
Frank H. Pratt, carpentering	12.50	
Amos E. Tilden, teaming	4.00	
C. F. B. Tilden, „	.50	
Manuel S. Leonard, cleaning vaults	2.55	
Antoine Peter, cleaning vaults	1.75	
Howe & French, lead, oil, etc.	98.97	
Israel C. Vinal, painting	43.12	
Harry W. Lincoln, „	41.25	
Eugene C. Small, „	40.00	
Daniel W. Pratt, „	45.76	
William J. Brennock „	35.00	
		$685.98

Special Police.

Paid Thomas S. Grassie	$74 00	
Andrew H. Prouty	76.50	
William E. Crocker	411.00	
Manuel S. Enos	449.00	
Edward E. Wentworth	51.00	
Charles L. Kittrell	14.00	
		$1,075.50

Town Officers.

Paid Philander Bates, services and expenses as Selectman and Assessor	$332.95
Joseph S. Bigelow, services as Selectman and Assessor, March 1 to Dec. 31	190.00
Amount carried forward	$522.95

Amount brought forward	$522.95	
Paid Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses as Selectman and Assessor, March 1 to Dec. 31 . .	250.00	
Caleb F. Nichols, services as Selectman, Jan. 1 to March 1	20.84	
Abraham H. Tower, Treasurer and Collector . .	300.00	
Harry F. Tilden, Town Clerk, March 1 to Dec. 31 .	62.50	
Newcomb B. Tower, Town Clerk, Jan. 1 to March 1	12.50	
„ „ Registrar of Voters, „	8.00	
John M. Damon, „ „ „ „	8.00	
Charles F. Tilden, „ „ „ . . .	20.00	
C. James Pratt, „ „ „ . . .	20.00	
John L. Pratt, „ „ „ May 1 to Dec 31	12.00	
Harry F. Tilden, Registrar of Voters, May 1 to Dec. 31	12.00	
Allen C. Bates, Sealer of Weights and Measures .	50.00	
Harry W. Souther, Auditor	25.00	
Henry E. Brennock, Constable, 1894 . . .	71.00	
„ „ Election Officer, 1894 . .	5.00	
„ „ Constable, Jan. 1 to March 1 .	7.00	
A. Bradford Litchfield, „	76.00	
Edward E. Wentworth, „	116.75	
„ „ Election Officer . . .	4.00	
John Roche, Election Officer	4.00	
„ „ Constable	35.50	
Charles L. Kittrell, Constable	25.00	
Edward E. Ellms, Election Officer	4.00	
Spencer H. Stoughton, Election Officer . . .	4.00	
		$1,676.04

Incidentals.

Paid Lot W. Bates, care of clock	$40.00
Edward E. Wentworth, court fees	45.93
Louis T. Cushing, counsel fees	23.00
Pratt Bros., advertising	5.00
O. H. Howe, M.D., return of births . . .	8.75
C. B. Bridgham, M.D., return of births . . .	4.75
„ „ „ attendance on James Mulvey .	9.00
William E. Crocker, „ „ „ „ .	7.25
John R. Silver, „ „ „ „ .	6.00
Frank F. Antoine, „ „ „ „ .	9.75
Manuel S. Enos, „ „ „ „ .	2.50
James Mulcahy „ „ „ „ .	4.50
John J. Ainslie, „ „ „ „ .	4.75
Amount carried forward	$171.18

Amount brought forward	$171.18
Paid Edward E. Wentworth, attendance on James Mulvey	16.25
C. F. B. Tilden, team „ „ .	6.50
H. L. Washburn, meals „ „ .	3.00
Aaron Pratt, Pratt's park	21.00
E. L. Burdakin, Dedham, copy of R. E. transfers .	15.00
Martha J. Bates, copying for Historical Committee .	6.00
Oliver H. Howe, M.D., sundry items „ .	10.45
Charles W. Spanell, Norwell, returns of deaths .	4.25
Harry F. Tilden, recording, returning, and indexing. marriages, births, and deaths	35.65
Harry F. Tilden, express, postage, etc. . . .	6.05
Frank L. Nichols, repairs on safe	5.00
H. L. Washburn, lodgings for travelers . . .	2.50
Manuel Jason, „ „ „ . . .	2.00
Herbert L. Brown, repairs on town pump . .	2.50
Allen C. Bates, dippers for fountains . . .	.20
Israel C. Vinal, painting iron bridge	16.25
Manuel S. Enos, „ „ „	5.62
Tower Bros. & Co., paint, iron bridge . . .	26.92
Waldo C. Locke, mowing Town Common . .	6.00
Louis N. Lincoln, care of Town Hall . . .	5.00
William J. Brennock, labor on Cove Bridge gates .	2.00
John J. Ainslie, „ „ „ „ „ .	2.00
Manuel P. Valine, „ „ „ „ . .	8.00
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber and cement, Cove Bridge .	4.68
John S. Grassie, labor on Mill Bridge gates . .	3.00
Frank Grassie, „ „ „ „ „ . .	2.25
Harry G. Studley „ „ „ „ „ . .	1.75
Charles F. Bennett, „ „ „ „ „ . .	1.00
Manuel Grassie, „ „ „ „ „ . .	3.00
Daniel N. Tower, „ „ „ „ „ . .	13.00
Levi Cadose, „ „ „ „ „ . .	2.00
Thomas Grassie, „ „ „ „ „ . .	2.00
Charles F. Tilden, iron work on gates . . .	8.49
„ „ repairing fence on common . .	10.45
„ „ repairing wagon	7.75
„ „ staples for fence, etc. . . .	11.06
Premium of insurance, Osgood Schoolhouse, renewals,	225.00
„ „ „ „ „ additional,	106.25
Secretary of State, ballot-box	50.00
Peter C. Kimball, lunches, 1894 and '95 . . .	16.00
William T. Tilden, labor on screens . . .	4.00
Caleb F. B. Tilden, teams for Constables . . .	13.00
Cyrus R. Keene, bounty on one seal's tail . .	3.00
Amount carried forward	$867.00

Amount brought forward	$867.00	
Paid Frederick B. Tower, bounty on two seals' tails . .	6.00	
Philander Bates, distributing reports . . .	6.00	
Joseph St. John, stationery and postage . . .	26.68	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber for railing . . .	26.42	
„ „ „ „ „ Mill Bridge . .	31.15	
„ „ „ „ „ signs . . .	1.18	
Boston Herald, advertising	2.50	
Amos E. Tilden, teams for Selectmen . . .	12.75	
„ „ „ „ Assessors . . .	14.00	
„ „ „ „ Constables . . .	13.75	
„ „ „ „ Town Clerk . . .	2.50	
Daniel W. Pratt, painting signs	3.84	
Frank H. Pratt, labor on posts and signs . . .	3.75	
„ „ „ „ Mill Bridge . . .	2.50	
Joseph D. Hutchinson, labor on Mill Bridge . .	3.75	
C. F. B. Tilden, team for Registrars of Voters . .	5.00	
Edward E. Wentworth, liquor cases . . .	10.00	
„ „ services, breaking and entering cases	56.00	
		$1,094.77

Tally-Ho Case.

Paid Edward E. Wentworth, services and expenses summoning witnesses, etc., and witness fees .	$126.25	
Oliver H. Howe, M.D., professional service . .	11.00	
Philander Bates, service and expenses . . .	8.45	
Caleb F. Nichols, „ „ „ . . .	5.00	
C. F. B. Tilden, team	5.00	
		$155.70

Board of Health.

Paid O. H. Howe, M.D., services	$7.00	
Philander Bates, services and expenses . . .	17.00	
Joseph S. Bigelow, „ . . .	10.00	
Newcomb B. Tower, „ . . .	10.00	
Manuel S. Enos, distributing notices . . .	1.00	
Alexander W. Hayden, removing scum from pond .	8.75	
Joseph Frates, „ „ „ „ .	12.75	
Antoine Peter, ditching	34.00	
Manuel S. Leonard, ditching	40.00	
John Rhoderick, „ etc.	3.00	
Manuel E. Salvador, removing dead animals . .	9.00	
		$152.50

Indebtedness of the Town.

December 31, 1895.

OSGOOD SCHOOLHOUSE DEBT.	
Cohasset Savings Bank, 7 time notes	$21,000.00
FUNDED DEBT OF 1893.	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 8 time notes	27,200.00
HIRED MONEY, 1895.	
Cohasset Savings Banks, 5 demand notes	17,000.00
Interest bearing debt	$65,200.00

Assets of the Town.

December 31, 1895.

Due from State for State and Military Aid	$540.00	
Mendoca Estate	215.00	
Enos Estate	620.00	
Lyons Estate	338.68	
City of Boston	104.00	
City of Cambridge	58.18	
Town of Hingham	81.05	
Frank A. Pearson, Jr.	53.00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	10.00	
Frank P. Burgess	38.46	
Sarah McCormack, rent of pasture, 1895	40.00	
James Mulvey	69.50	
600 yds Crushed Stone	600.00	
Balance in Treasury	5,254.31	
Total		$8,022.18

Total Debt of the Town	$65,200.00
Deduct Assets	8,022.18
Actual Debt December 31, 1895	$57,177.82

RECAPITULATION—1895.

ITEMS.	Orders drawn.	Credits.	Net Expenditures.	Appropriation.	With no Appropriation.	Excess of Appropriation.	Less than Appropriation.
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	$826.29		$826.29	$800.00		$26.29	
State and Military Aid	735.00	$540.00	195.00	200.00			$5.00
Henry Bryant Post, G. A. R.	100.00		100.00	100.00			
Sons of the American Revolution	35.00		35.00	30.00		5.00	
Cohasset and Hingham Water Companies	1,950.00		1,950.00	1,950.00			
Watering Streets	1,201.23		1,201.23	1,200.00		1.23	
Printing	328.28		328.28	300.00		28.28	
State and County Taxes	7,474.68		7,474.68	7,474.68			
Support of Schools	13,025.14		13,025.14	13,025.14			
Electric Lights	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00			
Fire Department	1,876.59		1,876.59	1,800.00		76.59	
Repairs of Highways	7,674.79	691.70	6,983.09	7,010.84			27.75
Removing Snow	631.92		631.92	500.00		131.92	
State Highway	119.00		119.00		$119.00		
Straits Pond	133.84		133.84	200.00			66.16
Public Library	875.00		875.00	875.00			
Abatements	576.70		576.70		576.70		
Cattle Inspection	125.00		125.00	200.00			75.00
Tramp Building	393.16		393.16		393.16		
Tramps	323.55		323.55		323.55		
Town Hall and Lockup	685.98		685.98	500.00		185.98	
Special Police	1,075.50		1,075.50		1,075.50		
Town Officers	1,676.04		1,676.04	1,600.00		76.04	
Tally-ho Case	155.70		155.70		155.70		
Board of Health	152.50		152.50		152.50		
Support and Relief of Poor	6,626.83	1,327.00	5,299.83	5,000.00		299.83	
Incidentals	1,094.77		1,094.77	1,000.00		94.77	
Totals	$54,872.49	$2,558.70	$52,313.79	$48,765.66	$2,796.11	$925.93	$173.91

ESTIMATES.

Amounts Estimated by the Selectmen required to meet the Expenses of the Town for the Year 1896.

For Payment of Debt	$6,400.00
Payment of Interest	3,000.00
Support of Schools	12,550.00
Support and Relief of Poor	5,000.00
Highways and Sidewalks	8,000.00
Electric Lights	5,000.00
Cohasset and Hingham Water Companies	1,850.00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	800.00
Town Officers	1,700.00
Watering Street	1,200.00
Special Police	1,500.00
Fire Department	800.00
Removing Snow	600.00
Public Library	1,000.00
Henry Bryant Post, G. A. R.	100.00
Printing	300.00
Strays Fund	150.00
Military Aid	200.00
Cattle Inspection	250.00
Town Hall	200.00
Incidental Expenses	1,000.00
	$52,000.00

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Valuation of Real Estate, 1894	$2,583,390.00
Valuation of Personal Estate, 1894	1,585,820.00
Total Valuation, 1894	$4,169,210.00
Valuation of Real Estate, 1895	$2,602,905.00
Valuation of Personal Estate, 1895	1,557,588.00
Total Valuation, 1895	$4,160,493.00
Decrease of Personal Estate, 1895	$28,232.00
Increase of Real Estate, 1895	19,515.00
Total Decrease, 1895	$8,717.00

Number of Polls, 1895	638
State Tax, 1895	$2,880.00
County Tax, 1895	4,594.68
Town Grant, 1895	29,805.00
Overlayings, 1895	520.31
Total Tax, Assessed, 1895	37,799.99
Tax rate, per $1,000	8.80
Number of Dwellings Assessed, 1895	604
„ „ Acres „ „	5,878
„ „ Persons „ „	1,036
„ „ „ „ on Property	769
„ „ „ „ on Polls only	267
„ „ Horses „	422
„ „ Cows „	272
„ „ Sheep „	1
„ „ Neat Cattle „	59
„ „ Swine „	35

LIST OF JURORS.

Drawn During the Year 1895.

February,	Alfred Beal,	Supreme Jud. Court.
March 20,	Elmer W. Lewis,	Grand Juror.
„ 22,	Warren S. Gammons,	Superior Court.
April 26,	Herbert O. Beale,	„ „
August 27,	Thomas D. Blossom,	„ „
September 27,	Waldo C. Locke,	„ „
November 29,	John M. Damon,	„ „
December 23,	Edward E. Ellms,	„ „

LIST OF JURORS.

To be Revised and Accepted by the Town at its Annual Meeting, March 2, 1896.

Edwin Bates,
Oliver H. Bates,
Charles F. Bennett,
Isaac W. Beal,
Franklin Beal,
Arthur Burnham,
Robert L. Curtis,
George W. Crocker,
B. Preston Clark,
Thomas W. Doyle,
Manuel S. Enos,
William Faxon, Jr.,
John E. F. Frates,
John W. Hunt,
George O. Higgins,
Joseph D. Hutchinson,

Charles H. Hackett,
Frederic G. James,
George Jason,
Thomas F. Kinsley,
George W. Kimball,
Thomas Lincoln,
J. Loring Litchfield,
Henry L. McMahon,
Arthur Mulvey,
John J. A. Pratt,
George W. Pratt,
C. James Pratt,
Charles J. Priest,
John Roche,
Thomas A. Rich,
Israel N. Small,
Franklin Stoddard,
Willie F. Thayer,
William T. Tilden,
Warren L. Tower,
Israel C. Vinal,
Manuel P. Valine,
Levi L. Worrick,
Frank W. Wheelwright.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Selectmen, as the Board of Health, report the following cases of contagious diseases as having existed in the town during the year 1895, viz.: —

Diphtheria	2
Scarlet Fever	4
Typhoid Fever	2
Measles	1
Total	9 cases.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES,
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1895.

Almshouse Account.

Paid George W. Pinkham, superintendent, salary	$600.00
" " sundry bills paid	39.86
J. M. Cutting, veterinary surgeon	9.00
Caleb F. Nichols, groceries	66.88
Herbert L. Brown, "	179.47
Joseph St. John, "	137.78
Gross & Nichols, "	152.00
George O. Higgins & Son, groceries	61.93
M. B. Stetson & Co., "	115.62
M. B. Stetson, beach right for sea manure	5.00
Philander Bates, boots, shoes, etc.	18.03
Cohasset Clothing Co.	26.00
Massachusetts Ploughman	2.00
Harry W. Souther, Boston Globe	6.00
Frank W. Browne, medicines	25.52
Lincoln Bros., coal	55.41
Allen C. Bates, tin-ware	18.17
William F. Thayer & Son, meats	132.41
Bourne & Nickerson, "	102.30
Frances H. Nichols, dry goods	50.12
Danforth P. Sylvester, fish	69.40
Andrew H. Prouty, "	12.50
Charles F. Tilden, smithing	50.68
Thomas Roche, "	14.35
Arthur New, North Scituate, smithing	8.85
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, etc.	54.44
Oliver H. Howe, M.D., medical attendance	7.75
Charles B. Bridgham, M.D., medical attendance	1.00
Philander Bates, cow	15.00
William Cutler, baker, bread	19.16
Joseph Breck & Sons, seeds	6.42
Seaverns & Spear, North Scituate, bedding	20.65
William H. Beal, repairing harnesses	10.50
William O. Souther, team	10.00
" " ice	15.47
Joseph Battles, repairing saws	4.00
J. A. Torrey, soap	3.15
Amount carried forward	$2,126.82

Amount brought forward	$2,126.82	
Mrs. Thomas Bates, plow	5.00	
Tilden Bros., Scituate, pasturage	6.00	
Manning, Armstrong & Co., clothing	5.25	
Edward E. Tower, gravel	5.00	
W. W. Thomas, butchering	3.00	
Expense, transfer of Harris children	3.90	
" " Jennie Sterling	5.45	
Samuel D. Tower, repairs	1.50	
B. F. Evans, disinfectant	2.75	
William H. H. Hancock, repairing clock	.75	
Samuel G. James, use of stock	3.00	
Amos E. Tilden, horse hire	24.00	
Caleb F. B. Tilden, " "	1.75	
Philander Bates, services	30.00	
Caleb F. Nichols, " to March 1	5.00	
Joseph S. Bigelow, " since March 1	25.00	
Newcomb B. Tower, services since March 1	25.00	
	$2,279.17	

AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM SALES AND INCOME.

Received from A. H. Tower, trustee for John J. Lothrop	$148.54	
Solomon J. Hayden, military aid	120.00	
Elmer E. Bates, milk	63.92	
" " hay	27.45	
" " pig	6.00	
" " eggs	3.60	
J. H. Custer, poultry	71.00	
Danforth P. Sylvester, produce	10.50	
Frank W. Browne, pigs	8.00	
George M. Ennice, wood	6.00	
Otis V. Barnes, teaming	5.50	
Sundry sales	11.40	
John W. Bates, pig	2.75	
Removing snow	19.75	
Manuel Silva, 2d, on account mortgage	200.00	
" " interest on "	22.45	
Board of 131 tramps	52.40	
William F. Thayer & Sons, produce	7.00	
Herbert L. Brown, "	2.00	
M. B. Stetson & Co., "	1.35	
George O. Higgins & Son "	1.50	
		$791.11
Debit brought forward	$2,279.17	
Credit " "	791.11	
Almshouse debit		$1,488.06

The following persons have been inmates of the Almshouse during the year 1895: —

Elizabeth Hudson.	William C. Hayden.
Jane B. Lambert.	John L. Morey.
Augusta Silva.	Solomon J. Hayden, boarder.

John J. Lothrop, boarder.

The following persons have been inmates of the Almshouse a portion of the year 1895: —

William F. Harris.	Nathaniel W. Prouty.
Edgar Harris.	Jennie Sterling.

Hester Harris.

Support of Persons in Hospitals.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital: —		
Jane C. White	$169.46	
Joanna Colbrith	169.46	
Paid Worcester Insane Asylum: —		
Elizabeth J. Dady	169.46	
Julia Macomber	169.46	
Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts: —		
George B. Williams	146.00	
		$823.84

Outside Assistance.

Antoine Vargus, Jr., and family.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$90.02	
Lincoln Bros., coal	26.63	
		$116.65

Manuel Almeida and family.

Paid Tower Bros. & Co., coal	$3.75

Louis A. Ney.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$29.39	
Aaron Pratt, rent	4.00	
J. C. and J. H. Merritt, rent	9.56	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal	12.52	
William F. Thayer & Son, meat	7.45	
		$62.92

Rose Andrews and Mary I. Violante.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$104.00

Charles H. Litchfield.

Paid Oliver H. Howe, M.D., medical attendance	$6.00

Henry L. Morris and wife.

Paid Oliver H. Howe, M.D., medical attendance	$25.50	
John J. A. Pratt, agent, rent	40.00	
Charles H. Hackett, wood	2.50	
Lincoln Bros., coal	15.00	
		$83.00

Edith Tower and child.

Paid Oliver H. Howe, M.D., medical attendance		$28.75

Thomas Roche and family.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$20.86	
Gross & Nichols, "	7.11	
		$27.97

Albert V. Barnes.

Paid Charles B. Bridgham, M.D., medical attendance	$24.00	
Oliver H. Howe, M.D., " "	2.00	
Orders on Town Treasurer	48.00	
		$74.00

Southward Pratt.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$96.00	
C. Lothrop, agent, rent	48.00	
		$144.00

Sabra W. Clark.

Paid Orders on Town Treasurer	$96.00	
Lincoln Bros., coal	14.50	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal	3.75	
Charles B. Bridgham, M.D., medical attendance	6.50	
		$120.75

Joseph E. Smith and two children.

Paid H. L. Brown, groceries	$141.43	
Lot W. Bates, rent	40.00	
Philander Bates, boots	6.60	
Cohasset Clothing Co.	6.30	
Charles B. Bridgham, M.D., medical attendance	8.50	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal	16.00	
		$218.83

Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Burbank and child.

Paid H. L. Brown, groceries	$139.12	
Lot W. Bates, rent	40.00	
Lincoln Bros., coal	19.40	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal	8.00	
Order on Town Treasurer	15.00	
Oliver H. Howe, M.D., medical attendance	18.50	
Edwin Bates, wood	22.00	
Bourne & Nickerson, meats	27.41	
Samuel E. Pratt, milk	11.88	
		$301.31

Mary Martin.

Paid John J. Ferreira, rent	$40.00	
Bourne & Nickerson, meats	28.32	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal	12.00	
Manuel S. Leonard, milk	5.78	
		$86.10

Jennie Sterling.

Paid City of Boston		$21.43

Mary McGrath and two children.

Paid Orders on Town Treasurer	$60.00	
Oliver H. Howe, M.D., medical attendance	46.75	
Charles B. Bridgham, M.D., medical attendance	1.00	
Estate of B. F. Evans, burial of child	12.00	
Philander Bates, boots	6.95	
Joseph F. Sylvia, rent	17.50	
		$144.20

Emma Barnes and two children.

Paid Orders on Town Treasurer	$60.00	
Cohasset Clothing Co.	3.00	
Philander Bates, boots	5.55	
Oliver H. Howe, M.D., medical attendance	5.00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal	7.50	
		$81.05

Mabel Ainslie.

Paid City of Boston		$178.29

Clayton S. Williams.

Paid Town of Stoughton		$4.85

Three children of Anthony Anderson.

Paid Mary Anna Anderson, board		$105.00

Eveline L. Loney.

Paid City of Boston, burial		$5.00

Joseph B. Sylvia.

Paid Town of Weymouth		$68.25

Henry L. Bates, wife and eight children.

Paid Town of Rockland, 1894	$113.00	
" " "	403.00	
Cohasset Clothing Co.	10.50	
Philander Bates, boots	7.55	
M. B. Stetson & Co., dry goods	10.00	
		$544.05

William J. McMineman, wife and three children.

Paid Caleb F. Nichols, groceries	25.88	
Charles H. Willard, rent	16.80	
Philander Bates, boots	3.25	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal	5.25	
Order on Town Treasurer	7.00	
		$58.18

Eliphalet L. Beal.

Paid Town of Hingham		$6.75

William H. Litchfield, wife and six children.

Paid A. T. Webb & Co., Greenbush, supplies	$25.00	
Seaverns & Spear, No. Scituate, „	201.84	
Thomas P. Ward, „ „ meats	6.50	
Philander Bates, boots	12.85	
Cohasset Clothing Co.	8.50	
Lincoln Bros., coal and wood	44.15	
Oliver H. Howe, M.D., medical attendance	4.00	
Frances H. Nichols, dry goods	3.00	
		$305.84

Rebecca Litchfield.

Paid Thomas W. Whitcomb, rent	$36.00	
H. L. Brown, groceries	47.62	
Lincoln Bros., coal	7.50	
		$91.12

Carrie A. Litchfield and child.

Paid Orders on Town Treasurer		$35.00

Mary Desmond.

Paid Caleb Lothrop, Agent, rent	$54.00	
Aid for son	18.00	
		$72.00

Frank A. Pearson, Jr.

Paid City of Boston, Hospital		$53.00

Joseph Sheridan.

Paid County of Norfolk, Truant School		$74.84

Antonio S. Pareira.

Paid A. Bradford Litchfield, burial of child	$3.00	
Est. B. F. Evans, undertaker	12.00	
		$15.00

Caroline A. Sylvia.

Paid Charles B. Bridgham, M.D., medical attendance	$28.00	
Philander Bates, boots and rubbers	2.45	
		$30.45

Caleb S. Beal and wife.

Paid Orders on Town Treasurer	$36.00	
Levi L. Nichols, rent	13.00	
Bourne & Nickerson, meats	11.87	
		$60.87

Mrs. Jacob Rogers.

Paid Town of Rowley		$4.10

Rose A. Burgess.

Paid Town of Sandwich		$38.46

Overseers' Services.

Paid Philander Bates, services and expenses	$64.71	
Joseph S. Bigelow, „	25.00	
Newcomb B. Tower, „	34.00	
Caleb F. Nichols, „	8.00	
Amos E. Tilden, horse hire	10.35	
Caleb F. B. Tilden, „	6.00	
		$148.06

Outside Credits.

From City of Boston	$104.00	
Town of Hingham	81.05	
City of Cambridge	58.18	
Frank A. Pearson, Jr.	53.00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	10.00	
Frank P. Burgess	38.46	
Joseph E. Grassie, bal. on house	100.00	
„ „ interest	6.00	
Joseph S. Enos, „	37.20	
John Burbank, on account, support of child	13.00	
Other credits	35.00	
		$535.89
Outside debit, gross footing	$4,347.66	
„ credit brought forward	535.89	
„ debit to balance		$3,811.77

SUMMARY — OVERSEERS OF THE POOR ACCOUNT.

Almshouse balance	$1,488.06	
Outside „	3,811.77	
Total cost of poor		$5,299.83

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES,
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,

COHASSET, December 31, 1895. *Overseers of the Poor.*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Board of Selectmen : —

GENTLEMEN, — The work of repairing and improving the roads the past year has been attended to with a good degree of success, in some measure due to the preparation of road material in advance of the season. Believing it would be advantageous to have material ready for delivery in the early spring, with the consent and sanction of the Board last year, a contract was made with Edward E. Tower, to prepare and have ready for delivery in the spring one thousand yards of coarse and fine crushed stone. This material was used early in the season in grading on Border Street, from Hook and Ladder building to the store of Tower Bros. & Co.; on Margin Street, from residence of A. J. Studley to residence of T. Spear, while a portion of the fine material was used in repairing Jerusalem Road and other streets where a thin coating of material was needed. The same suggestion for the coming year has received your approval and sanction, and you have joined with me in making a contract for the ensuing year with Edward E. Tower, by which he is to prepare and have ready for delivery fifteen hundred yards of fine road material and as much of the coarse as may be needed. The permanent improvements the last year were the regrading of the hill near residence of Warren Bates and the lowering and widening of the hill near the residence of James W. Bell on Jerusalem Road, the blasting of ledges, graveling and widening of road-bed on Spring Street, the trenching and filling with stone a section of King Street from residence of Arthur L. Bates to E. L. James, which was in a very bad condition on account of the action of the frost, and should be continued on the north end of last year's trench another season. On Beechwood Street a short section was trenched and filled with stone at foot of hill, near residence of Caleb Lincoln, and the road graveled from this point to the railroad crossing. A section of South Main Street was heavily graded with gravel, also several sections of Doane and Beechwood streets. There has been used in this work 1,000 loads of crushed stone, 1,029 loads of gravel, and 744 single loads of gravel. The coming spring I would recommend that a portion of the appropriation be spent in improving the westerly end of Pond Street and the easterly end of Cedar Street, as these streets are used quite extensively by our summer residents as pleasure drives and should be kept in safe condition for travel. The portion of Atlantic Avenue from residence of W. H. Crane to that of Manuel Salvador should be thoroughly graded with crushed stone early in the season. It will be noticed by the payments that nearly five hundred dollars was required to pay for work done in 1894. I find in closing up the account for the past year that some four hundred dollars still remains unpaid, which will be taken from the appropriation for the ensuing year. I would suggest that the sum of eight thousand dollars be the amount estimated for Highways the coming year.

The following is a statement of appropriation and amounts paid for labor, teams, gravel, crushed stone, lumber, drain pipe, and stone curbing: —

Amount of balance as per last report	$10.84
„ „ appropriation	7,000.00
„ „ A. Williams, stone curbing and setting	82.70
„ „ M. O. Connell, blasting ledge	8.00
„ „ L. W. Cook, use of drill	1.00
	$7,102.54
„ paid	7,074.79
„ Balance	$27.75

Paid William Mulvey, 1894	$10.00	
Joseph Jason, „	27.50	
Louis T. Cushing, „	18.00	
Aaron Pratt, „	51.26	
Thomas F. Kinsley, 1894	4.00	
Philander Bates, „	122.35	
Otis V. Barnes, „	69.00	
Manuel R. Silvey, „	121.17	
Stephen Reilly, „	40.50	
C. S. Lothrop, „	24.40	
Edward E. Tower, as per contract	1,000.00	
„ „	451.43	
Joseph Jason	241.19	
C. F. B. Tilden	23.50	
Joseph O'Brien	29.50	
Louis T. Cushing	85.00	
Ira B. Pratt	19.75	
Joseph W. Whitcomb	62.34	
Manuel Silva	15.00	
Isaiah Lincoln	47.97	
Oliver H. Bates	20.00	
George W. Ainslee	12.25	
Franklin Stoddard	75.75	
Willie Litchfield	5.00	
George Ainslie	9.00	
George F. Sargent	58.00	
Samuel Stoddard	47.00	
Robert L. Curtis	8.00	
Samuel V. Hardwick	43.00	
Henry Bates	35.50	
William W. Bates	41.90	
William St. John	28.00	
John O'Brien	4.00	
Amount carried forward		$2,851.26

Amount brought forward	$2,851.26
Paid William H. Bates	8.00
Charles F. Tilden	36.86
Fred G. James	115.00
Waldo C. Locke	66.50
James O'Brien	43.75
Thomas Mannix	34.00
Abner N. Bates	2.00
John McCormack	57.75
George E. Antone	22.00
George M. Ennice	36.00
Amos W. Locke	37.00
Alexander W. Hayden	34.00
Leander W. Groce	2.80
Joseph Martin	12.00
Elmer E. Bates	65.00
Samuel E. Pratt	10.00
Edwin Bates	16.00
Edwin W. Bates	8.50
Joseph Arvella	8.00
Lawrence Arvella	2.00
Manuel Silva, 2d	5.00
Frank W. Wheelwright	5.00
Henry L. Morris	2.00
Alson S. Richardson	56.90
Charles L. Kettrell	40.00
Richard H. Priest	14.00
Harry C. Bates	12.00
David O. Wade	7.00
Edward Morse	2.00
Estate of Alden Beal	146.00
Joseph F. Priest	.50
M. Donahue	.20
Charles E. West	4.00
Otis V. Barnes	210.00
William Mulvey	33.25
Manuel P. Valine	71.00
George W. Morse	62.00
Joseph Frates	53.00
Joseph A. Antone	54.00
Manuel S. Leonard	182.37
Manuel R. Silvey	315.00
Manuel E. Brazil	36.00
Hosea Cushing	2.00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. Road	16.72
Amount carried forward	$4,798.36

Amount brought forward	$4,798.36	
Paid Stephen Reilly	184.00	
Frank Silvey	16.00	
Samuel Williams	42.00	
Perrin, Seamans & Co.	21.00	
George W. Mealy	140.00	
Joseph Caton	42.00	
Thomas Loney	38.50	
Charles Wilson	135.20	
Philander Bates	450.00	
Cornelius Murphy	2.00	
Allen C. Bates	7.45	
Samuel F. James	43.50	
Horace J. Damon	65.00	
Frank Pearson	7.00	
George W. Tuckerman	8.80	
Arthur Mulvey	157.75	
Turkey Meadow Farm	91.50	
Gross & Nichols	31.96	
Antone Peter	12.00	
Joseph F. Silvey	53.00	
Amos E. Tilden	303.25	
David W. Lewis	5.44	
Tower Bros. & Co.	173.06	
Lot W. Bates.	38.00	
Aaron Pratt	2.24	
John E. F. Frates	16.00	
John J. A. Pratt	36.44	
Joseph S. Enos	7.88	
Charles E. McKenzie	5.10	
Patrick Downs	1.50	
John W. Bates	35.00	
Antone Vargus	8.00	
A. Chester Pratt	5.00	
Thomas W. Whitcomb	20.00	
A. B. Litchfield	6.00	
Joseph Pearson	9.75	
Caleb Lincoln	28.00	
Samuel Nichols	27.11	
Amount paid		$7,074.79

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES, *Superintendent of Streets.*

REPORT OF BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

To the Selectmen of Cohasset: —

GENTLEMEN, — In accordance with the requirements of the Public Statutes, the gentlemen appointed by your Board to constitute the Board of Engineers of the Cohasset Fire Department for the year ending April 30, 1896, met at the house of Engine 1, on the evening, May 1, 1895, and organized by the choice of officers as follows: —

E. E. Wentworth, Chief; H. E. Brennock, Assistant Chief; A. S. Richardson, 2d Assistant Chief; H. E. Mapes, Clerk; Chas. A. Gross, A. Bradford Litchfield.

In presenting the fifth annual report of the Fire Department, we can but point with pride to the efficiency and discipline exhibited by the Department during the past twelve months, and express our appreciation of the kind expressions of approval by many of our citizens, and compliments paid the Department by the Boston daily papers.

The past year has been the busiest in the history of the Department, they having been called to answer eight alarms, two of which were serious fires when the companies arrived; namely, Tower Bros. & Co.'s wharf on Border Street, July 27, and Edward E. Ellms' barn, December 26, and the proficiency shown by the members in handling their apparatus as well as their compliance with the rules of this Board, we thoroughly appreciate, and for which we wish to hereby publicly extend to them our most sincere thanks.

During the year changes have been made in the Department which we feel have worked to the advantage of the town, but there is yet much more which ought to be accomplished and which can be, only by the liberal expenditure of money.

In the following report will be found a general summary of what has been thus far accomplished, and recommendations for improvements which we unanimously believe the best interests of the town demand.

By virtue of the authority given us at the annual town meeting in March last we have procured for the Department a ladder truck which is of the latest pattern. In selecting this piece of apparatus we thoroughly investigated the respective merits of the most prominent trucks on the market, the result being the purchase of a Gleasen & Bailey 1895 model, which, in view of strength, weight, safety, durability, and utility, was considered best adapted for use in this Department. A full description of this truck is unnecessary, as its frequent appearance on the streets has given our citizens an opportunity to examine it thoroughly. We have placed this truck in the house at the Cove and have removed the old truck to the new house on Doane Street, Beechwood, first putting it in first-class order and equipping it with a "Babcock Hand Extinguisher," believing this transfer to be for the best advantage of the Department. This truck is handled by a company of ten men.

During the year the Department has been equipped with shut-off nozzles on all pipes, thereby avoiding unnecessary damage to property by water, also tending to check unnecessary waste.

The several Department houses have been painted and repaired, at an expense slightly in excess of the amount appropriated by the town at its last annual meeting, a full account of which will be found in the statement of expenditures.

Recommendations.

We respectfully call the attention of the citizens of the town to the necessity of increased hydrant service in central districts, also on Beach Island and Jerusalem Road, and recommend that additional hydrants be placed as follows: one on Elm Street, near the residence of Mr. Louis N. Lincoln, one in the Square, near the station of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and one in the small triangle at the junction of Border and Summer Streets, opposite the house of Ladder 1; also, one at the junction of Beach Street and the Jerusalem Road, which would tend to avoid the trouble and inconvenience of handling long lines of hose, as was experienced in the fire of December 26, when five buildings were afire at one time, which had to be handled from two hydrants.

The Department, having been increased by one piece of apparatus and company of ten men, the expenses for the ensuing year will necessarily be increased in proportion, and we respectfully recommend that the sum of $800 be raised and appropriated by the town at its next annual meeting to cover the running expenses for the coming year, which includes fifty-two firemen's poll taxes, horses to fires, salaries of stewards, and various items of minor importance which efficiency of the Department demands.

Fire Record.

March 3, 1895. Fire about 10 P.M. in a house on Hull Street, North Cohasset, belonging to the estate of W. W. Clapp, causing a damage to the house and contents of $275.

April 21. Alarm about 4 P.M. for a fire in the woods on Cedar Street, in the rear of Mr. H. M. Whitney's farm, extinguished without serious damage.

April 23. Fire in the woods in the rear of Stockbridge Street. Damage trifling.

April 28. Brush fire in the rear of the cemetery on North Main Street, at 8 P.M. Damage trifling.

July 27. Alarm at 5.40 P.M. for fire in shed on Tower Bros. & Co.'s plant on Border Street, which was confined to the shed and engine house. Damage (estimated) $1,000.

October 9. Fire in the woods on Jerusalem Road near the residence of Mr. B. P. Clark. Damage trifling.

December 26. Fire was discovered at 9.40 P.M. in barn on estate of Mr. Edward E. Ellms in the rear of the Norfolk House, which totally destroyed the barn, together with the contents, consisting of hay, carriages, farming tools, one horse, nine cattle, and two pigs. Loss $2,500.

EDW. E. WENTWORTH, *Chief.*

H. E. Mapes, *Clerk.*

By Order of the Board of Engineers.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

During the year ending December 31, 1895, orders have been drawn by this Board for the payment of bills as follows: —

Special Appropriation for Ladder Truck.

Paid James E. Brennock, building house as per contract	$424.00	
Gleason & Bailey Mfg. Co., truck as per contract	570.00	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R., freight on truck	15.00	
Aaron Pratt, land for house	45.00	
Total		$1,054.00
Amount of Appropriation		1,000.00
Exceeded appropriation		$54.00

Special Repairs to Department Buildings.

Paid Wm. J. Brennock, labor	$31.88	
H. E. Brennock, "	36.25	
H. L. McMahon, "	41.25	
John L. Ainsley, "	1.00	
George Antoine, "	16.50	
George Jason, "	28.00	
H. W. Lincoln, "	36.25	
Gross & Nichols, paint stock	49.65	
C. F. Tilden, blacksmithing	2.90	
James W. Holland, mason work	20.12	
S. D. Tower, paint stock and labor	15.55	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber and hardware	43.86	
Allen C. Bates, hardware, etc.	6.89	
C. F. B. Tilden, sand and teaming	4.20	
		$334.30
Amount of appropriation		300.00
Exceeded appropriation		$34.30

Engine Company One.

Paid Assessors of Cohasset, nine poll taxes	$18.00	
H. W. Souther, printing	2.30	
Gross & Nichols, supplies	2.57	
B. S. Treat, clerk, services of company at five fires	25.00	
C. F. B. Tilden, horses to fires	27.00	
" " waste	.30	
H. F. Tilden, services as steward, one year, to December 31, 1895	30.00	
Lincoln Bros., coal	8.18	
Allen C. Bates, supplies	1.11	
		$114.46

Zaccheus Rich Hose Company One.

Paid The Assessors of Cohasset, thirteen poll taxes	$26.00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal, wood, and supplies	9 62	
S. D. Tower, repairing paint	1.75	
J. W. Vinal, mortise lock and extra keys	3.70	
H. E. Brennock, labor	1.25	
Gross & Nichols, supplies	5.72	
T. A. Rich, clerk, services of company at five fires	25.00	
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co., repairing pipes	9.00	
John J. Ainsley, services as steward, one year, to December 31, 1895	40.00	
Amos E. Tilden, horses to fires	30.00	
		$152.04

J. Q. A. Lothrop Ladder One.

Paid The Assessors of Cohasset, eleven poll taxes	$22.00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal, wood, and supplies	3.93	
J. W. Vinal, mortise lock and extra keys	3.70	
H. E. Brennock, labor	1.25	
Gross & Nichols, supplies	5.98	
F. F. Martin, Jr., clerk, services of company at five fires	25.00	
Joseph Antoine, services as steward to May 31, 1895	8.33	
Joseph Grassie, " " " from June 1 to December 31	16.67	
Joseph Jason, horses to fires	24.00	
Charles V. Antoine, repairing ladders	1.00	
Allen C. Bates, supplies	5.65	
Total		$117.51

Ladder Two.

Paid Allen C. Bates, lamp, fixtures, and hardware	$4.06	
H. L. Brown, supplies	2.25	
George F. Sargent, labor	5.00	
Total		$11.31

Hose Two.

Paid C. F. Tilden, repairs	$2.25	
C. E. West, two lanterns	1.00	
C. A. Slade, seven leather straps	1.30	
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co., repairing gate	3.25	
" " " " " hose reel	65.00	
Gross & Nichols, express paid on reel	1.59	
Total		$74.39

ENGINEERS' DEPARTMENT.

Paid The Assessors of Cohasset, six poll taxes	$12.00	
C. F. B. Tilden, carriage for fire inquest	3.00	
Gross & Nichols, one order book	5.00	
Total		$20.00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co., five charges for extinguisher	$5.00	
Amos E. Tilden, teaming hose, ladders, etc.	12.50	
Charles L. Kittrell, watching fire on Hull Street March 25, 1895	2.00	
H. D. Marshall, horses to fire, March 25, 1895	2.00	
W. J. Brennock, watching fire July 27	3.00	
Charles V. Antoine, ,, ,, ,, ,,	3.00	
F. F. Antoine, ,, ,, April 21	2.50	
L. L. Worrick, ,, ,, ,, ,,	2.50	
H. W. Lincoln, ,, ,, December 26	4.00	
W. J. Brennock, ,, ,, December 26 and 27	7.00	
H. L. Morris, ,, ,, (Beechwood)	1.50	
Total		$45.00

RECAPITULATION.

Engine Company One	$114.46	
Zaccheus Rich Hose Company One	152.04	
J. Q. A. Lothrop Ladder One	117.51	
Hose Two	74.39	
Ladder Two	11.31	
Engineers' Department	20.00	
Miscellaneous	45.00	
		$534.71
Amount of appropriation		500.00
Exceeded appropriation		$34.71

E. E. WENTWORTH, *Chief.*

HARRY E. MAPES, *Clerk.*

By Order of the Board of Engineers.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS.

Board of Selectmen : —

GENTLEMEN, — I make this report to your Board as Inspector of Cattle and Provisions under the law of 1895, and the directions of the Cattle Commissioners. So far as external examination shows, I have found the cattle in town to be healthy, in good condition, free from contagious disease, and in general showing marked improvement in appearance over former inspections. There have been but two cases of unhealthy animals, one of which was killed, the other released. The tuberculin test, which now meets approval, and which I have taken the liberty to recommend, can be applied to stock at the written request of the owner. The inspection of swine has shown them to be healthy and sound. Sheep thus far I have been unable to meet.

In regard to the inspection of carcasses, of which a number were examined in the licensed abattoirs and one on the owner's premises, all proved to be sound and in excellent condition.

Provisions, embracing meats, fish, vegetables, and fruit, have been invariably superior in quality and kept at the high grade of excellence required.

Respectfully,

C. F. NICHOLS, *Inspector.*

REPORT

OF

THE TOWN TREASURER,

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS OF THE LIBRARIAN AND TREASURER
OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

AND THE

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR.

Dr. TOWN OF COHASSET, in account

1895–1896.

To paid Selectmen's orders for current year, as per their foregoing report	$34,372.67
Town's Appropriation for Support of Schools	12,750.00
Additional Items on same account	275.14
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Tax, 1895	2,880.00
County of Norfolk Tax, 1895	4,594.68
One-Fourth Part Liquor Licenses to State Treasurer	37.50
Cohasset Savings Bank, Cemetery Note, 1893	2,500.00
The Boston National Bank, Note, 1894	5,000.00
" " " " Hired Money, 1895	14,000.00
Hingham National Bank, " " 1895	3,000.00
Hingham Institution for Savings, Hired Money, 1895	5,000.00
Osgood Schoolhouse, Note due 1895	3,000.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Note due 1895	3,400.00
Interest on Town's Notes 1895	3,286.19
	$94,096.18
Balance in Treasury carried forward	5,254.31
	$99,350.49

COHASSET, January, 1896.

with ABRAHAM H. TOWER, Treasurer. Cr.

1895–1896.

By Balance in Treasury from former account	$7,620.92
Corporation Tax 1894, additional	217.44
Corporation Tax, 1895	9,356.02
National Bank Tax, 1895	2,250.95
State Aid, 1895	554.00
Norfolk County Dog Licenses, 1894	234.74
City of Boston, account, „	108.26
Town of Hingham, account, „	85.30
Town of Weymouth, „ „	50.30
Sarah McCormick, „ „	40.00
A. Williams, curbing for sidewalk	82.70
Louis N. Lincoln, income of Town Hall, six months	22.00
Joseph J. Bates, „ „ „ „ „ „	49.50
Lincoln, Beal & Pratt, auctioneers' licenses	5.00
Charles H. Quinn, fifth-class license	150.00
Allen C. Bates, plumbers' licenses	1.00
Two slaughter licenses	2.00
East Norfolk District Court, fines, fees, etc.	123.46
Manuel Sylvia, 2d, on account, note	200.00
„ „ „ interest on same	22.45
Joseph E. Grassie, balance note in full	100.00
„ „ interest on same	6.00
Joseph S. Enos, interest on note	37.20
Interest on bank deposits and delinquent taxes	320.90
Interest on Ripley Fund, 1895	42.95
From additional tax and firemen's order	4.00
From Kilburn Estate, balance	117.19
Receipts at Almshouse, labor, sales, and tramps	300.12
John J. Lothrop, board, by A. H. Tower, Trustee	148.54
Solomon J. Hayden, „	120.00
John Burbank, on account, support of child	13.00
M. O'Connell, for blasting ledge and use of drills	9.00
The Boston National Bank, hired money, 1895	14,000.00
The Hingham „ „ „ „ „	3,000.00
Hingham Institution for Savings, hired money, 1895	5,000.00
Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money, 1895	17,000.00
Assessors' tax list, 1895	37,955.55
	$99,350.49

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, *Treasurer.*

Dr. COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY in account with A. H. TOWER, Treasurer. **Cr.**

1895–1896.		1895–1896.	
To paid for books and binding, etc.	$280.91	By balance from former account	$36.75
Premium Insurance on $3,500, 3 years	70.00	Town's appropriation, 1895	875.00
Sundry bills for repairs	10.00	Ladies' Charitable Society, rent	25.00
Printing cards and expressage	8.93	Librarian's receipts for fines, etc.	22.38
Expenditures by librarian	5.45	Balance due Treasurer, to debit new account	27.47
D. Appleton & Co., ½ subscription for Cyclopedia	28.00		
A. T. Bliss & Co., printing catalogues	37.50		
Coal and wood bills	60.81		
Electric lights	60.00		
Lot W. Bates, Janitor	75.00		
Sarah B. Collier, Librarian	350.00		
	$986.60		$986.60

A. H. TOWER, *Treasurer.*

JANUARY, 1896.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The library opened every library day with the exception of three holidays.

The number of books and magazines issued was 8,692; the largest delivery being on March 9, of 139, and the smallest on December 5, of 4.

Number of books added the past year: by donation, 25; by purchase, 77; by binding, 42. Entire number, including pamphlets, in the library, 5,505.

Classification of reading the past year: —

History and Biography	382
Travels and Geography	192
Fiction	6,422
Literature and Poetry	136
Science and Art	38
Agriculture	32
Religion	24
Magazines	1,466
	8,692

We recommend for the support of the library the ensuing year the sum of $1,000, as the appropriation of last year was insufficient, after paying the necessary expenses, to admit of purchasing books that are really needed to meet the demands of borrowers.

That the attractiveness of the reading-room is appreciated, is shown by the regular attendance, and the younger frequenters, with a few exceptions, show by their more quiet manner, that they come in not for fun and play, but to read and look at the pictures.

SARAH B. COLLIER, *Librarian.*

COHASSET, January 22, 1896.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Superintendent of Streets, Treasurer of the Public Library, Board of Engineers, and Treasurer of School Committee, and have found them correctly cast and with the proper vouchers and warrants.

The receipts and expenditures for the year 1895 were as follows: —

Balance in Treasury from 1894	$7,620.92	
Sundry receipts	14,774.02	
Hired money	39,000.00	
Tax list, 1895	37,955.55	
		$99,350.49

Amount of Selectmen's orders drawn on the Treasury,	$54,872.49	
Sundry payments by Treasurer, notes, etc. . .	13,937.50	
Paid hired money	22,000.00	
Interest on notes	3,286.19	
Balance in cash and unpaid taxes	5,254.31	
		$99,350.49

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY W. SOUTHER, *Auditor.*

COHASSET, January 29, 1896.

REPORT

OF

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR 1895.

The annual report of the School Committee of the Town of Cohasset is hereby submitted to the citizens of the Town, accompanied as usual by the report of the Superintendent of Schools, embracing the reports of the Supervisors of Music and Drawing, and the report of the Treasurer of the School Board.

There have been a number of changes in the teaching force of the schools during the year. Miss Elizabeth C. Bates, who has taught successively in the Centre Primary, Intermediate, Elm Street Grammar, and the third and fourth grades in the Osgood School, and whose services as teacher in our schools have extended over twenty years, took leave of absence during the fall term on account of illness in her home. At the end of the term, finding that her presence would still be required at home, she has tendered her resignation to the Committee. Miss Bates has served the Town conscientiously, and the results obtained by her have always been gratifying. Miss M. L. Merchant has acted as a substitute in Miss Bates' place during the fall term, and has now been regularly elected as teacher of the third and fourth grades.

Miss Harriet J. Nichols, who has been teaching in the sixth and seventh grades of the Osgood School, finding that the duties of her position were becoming such a tax upon her strength as to endanger her health, gave up her position early in the fall to fit herself to become a teacher of drawing. Miss Nichols' place was filled by the election of Miss M. L. Gates, who has taught successfully until the close of the term, when she in turn resigned to accept another position at a larger salary. Miss M. A. Stephens has been elected teacher of the Beechwood Primary School, to take the place of Miss Adelaide L. Stevens, resigned, and is doing good work in that position.

The crowded condition of the three rooms containing the four grammar grades in the Osgood School was referred to in the last annual report of this Committee. This condition has not improved during the past year; in fact, it has become worse. Teachers and scholars are unable to do their best work under such circumstances, and the process of accommodating four grades to three rooms is especially unjust to the scholars of the sixth and seventh grades, a part of the sixth grade being seated with the fifth, a part of the seventh with the eighth grade, and the remainder of both grades in a room by themselves. Your Committee has therefore decided to

add one teacher to the number now employed in the grammar grades, and ask you to increase the school appropriation by $400, the amount of her salary. One of the grammar grades can be seated in the hall at the top of the building, and furniture enough for this purpose can be taken from the other grammar rooms at very slight expense. With this change each room in the grammar grades will contain about forty pupils, and a larger number than this cannot be advantageously instructed in one room.

It has been found necessary to replace the furniture in the Beechwood and North Primary schools. The furniture now in use is in poor condition, and unsuited from hygienic reasons for the use of the scholars. Your Committee have therefore purchased for these two schools new furniture which can be adjusted to the size of the scholars occupying it. This will call for an expenditure of about $200, which is included in the appropriation asked for at the end of this report.

There are in the Jerusalem School 15 scholars, of which number 7 are from Cohasset and the remainder are from Hingham. The Committee gave a public hearing to the citizens of this district on the question of closing the school and conveying the scholars to the Osgood School, but the sentiment of the district appearing to be strongly in favor of keeping the school open, no action was taken.

Your Committee estimate that the Town will require to appropriate for the support of schools in 1896 $13,500, made up as follows: —

Teachers', Superintendent's, and Janitors' Salaries	$9,450
Conveying	1,950
Supplies	600
Fuel	600
Repairs and Incidentals	700
New Furniture	200
Total	$13,500

E. P. Collier, *Chairman.*
Caleb Lothrop, *Secretary.*
Joseph S. Bigelow.
Cyrus H. Bates.
Amos A. Lawrence.
Louis T. Cushing.

TOWN OF COHASSET, in account with THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1894. Paid *Debit.*

Superintendent of Schools, Elmer L. Curtiss		$680.00

TEACHERS.

Osgood School (High), C. F. Jacobs	$1,537.50	
„ „ Miss Gertrude M. Gleason, Assistant	512.50	
„ „ Miss Annie N. Keene, Assistant	512.50	
„ 8th grade, Miss Martha P. Bates	512.50	
„ 7th grade, Miss Harriet J. Nichols	320.00	
„ „ Miss F. M. Coldwell	20.00	
„ „ Miss Maude L. Gates	70.00	
„ 5th and 6th grades, Miss Annie A. Souther	410.00	
„ 3d and 4th grades, Miss Elizabeth C. Bates	246.00	
„ „ „ Miss Mary L. Merchant	160.00	
„ 2d grade, Miss Priscilla L. Collier	410.00	
„ 1st „ Miss Sarah E. Fox	410.00	
„ Miss Myra L. Beal, gen'l assistant	389.50	
No. Primary School, Miss Susannah L. Stoddard	396.00	
„ „ Miss Emma Nichols	22.00	
Jerusalem „ Miss Annie Fox	410.00	
Beechwood „ Miss Adelaide L. Stevens	250.00	
„ „ Miss Mary Agnes Stephens	160.00	
King Street „ Miss May E. Towne	410.00	
		$7,158.50

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

A. E. Bradford		$325.00

SPECIAL TEACHER OF DRAWING.

Miss M. Angeline Pearson		$300.00

JANITORS.

Osgood School, Lot W. Bates	$600.00	
North „ Thomas Keefe	40.00	
Jerusalem „ Miss Annie Fox	30.00	
Beechwood School, A. B. Litchfield	40.00	
King Street „ Mrs. Hannah James	30.00	
		$740.00

CLEANING.

Jerusalem School, A. B. Litchfield	$8.00	
King Street School, John MacCormack	5.00	
Jerusalem School, Mary Manuel	7.00	
North School, Mrs. Stephen Reilly	5.50	
		$25.50

FUEL.

Osgood School, Tower Bros. & Co.	$458.25	
North " " " "	31.51	
Beechwood School, " " "	26.73	
King Street " " " "	6.00	
Jerusalem " " " "	22.16	
		$544.65

REPAIRS.

Osgood School, William E. Crocker, carpentering, etc.	$57.96	
" Allen C. Bates, plumbing and supplies	58.45	
" W. H. H. Hancock, repairing clocks, 3 yrs.	3.85	
" Henry E. Brennock, painting flagstaff	4.00	
" D. W. Pratt, varnish for floors in 1894	8.25	
" Tower Bros. & Co., windows, varnish, lumber, etc.	98.54	
" E. P. Collier, show cases	5.00	
" Cohasset Electric Co., lights	60.00	
" Brigham Electric Co., No. 1 Sampson zincs	1.44	
" Charles F. Tilden, repairing lawn mower, etc.	2.85	
" A. E. Tilden, manure for lawn	12.00	
" Gross & Nichols, supplies	2.07	
		$314.41
No. School, W. H. H. Hancock, repairing clock in 1893	$0.75	
" John Roche, Jr., carpentering	6.50	
" Allen C. Bates, repairs on stove, etc.	9.68	
" Ziba C. Small, painting	3.00	
" Tower Bros. & Co., blinds, etc.	2.95	
		$22.88
King Street, W. H. H. Hancock, repairing clock in 1894	$0.75	
" Fred James, lumber and labor	5.00	
" Ziba C. Small, repairing blackboards	3.00	
" Allen C. Bates, supplies	1.10	
		$9.85
Beechwood, A. Bradford Litchfield, carpentering, etc.	$20.90	
" Allen C. Bates, step ladder, funnel, etc.	8.63	
" J. W. Bates, repairing and cleaning vaults	3.87	
" S. H. Stoughton, repairing chimney	18.07	
" J. J. A. Pratt, carpentering	27.00	
" Z. C. Small, repairing blackboards	4.00	
" Tower Bros. & Co., floorboards, etc.	61.79	
" A. E. Tilden, carriage	2.00	
		$146.26

Jerusalem, Z. C. Small, repairing blackboards	$6.50	
" C. E. West, supplies	.95	
" A. E. Tilden, carriage and barge	5.00	
		$12.45
Total		$505.85

CONVEYING PUPILS.

No. Cohasset District, Jerusalem Road District — Franklin Beal	$400.00	
North End District, King Street " — C. F. B. Tilden	217.00	
South End " C. F. B. Tilden	298.50	
Beechwood " A. E. Tilden	952.37	
		$1,867.87

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. J. Bates, expressing	$23.90	
G. D. Damon, collations, 1894 and 1895	45.00	
C. A. & F. H. Burdette, engrossing diplomas in 1894	6.75	
Lot W. Bates, truant officer	25.00	
A. B. Litchfield, truant officer	10.00	
Lot W. Bates, expense to truant school	5.85	
Louis N. Lincoln, use of Town Hall	6.00	
A. E. Tilden, barge and wagon	5.50	
Mary R. Cushing, bouquets	13.00	
H. W. Kibbe, filling diplomas	8.00	
Brigham Electric Co.	3.45	
C. F. B. Tilden, carriage	2.00	
W. W. Wade, tuning piano	5.00	
Alfred Mudge & Son, programs and cards	8.00	
E. P. Collier, telephoning	.40	
C. H. Wood, use of well	1.00	
D. Appleton, cyclopædia on account	28.00	
C. Lothrop, postage, etc.	2.08	
Frances H. Nichols, ribbon, etc.	4.67	
C. F. B. Tilden, carting desks, etc., and freight	6.25	
C. Lothrop, secretary and treasurer	75.00	
		$284.85

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

J. L. Hammett	$155.20	
Lee & Shepard	1.87	
Fred H. Miller	11.00	
Willard Small	27.39	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn	18.13	
George F. King & Merrill	6.48	
George S. Perry & Co.	32.80	
Amount carried forward	$252.87	

Amount brought forward	$252.87	
Maynard, Merrill & Co.	2.52	
Franklin Educational Co.	4.28	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.	2.76	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	31.21	
D. C. Heath & Co.	102.07	
Silver, Burdette & Co.	19.20	
Carl Schœnhof	1.14	
Ginn & Company	13.68	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	71.50	
William Ware & Co.	16.00	
American Book Co.	64.00	
P. P. Caproni & Bro.	5.00	
Thompson, Brown & Co.	2.40	
White-Smith Music Publishing Co.	12.00	
Carter, Rice & Co.	2.00	
Oliver Ditson Co.	6.50	
Annie N. Keene	2.17	
		$611.30

RECAPITULATION.

Debit.

Superintendent of Schools	$680.00	
Teachers	7,158.50	
Supervisor of Music	325.00	
Special Teacher of Drawing	300.00	
Janitors	740.00	
Cleaning	25.50	
Fuel	544.65	
Repairs and Supplies	505.85	
Conveying Pupils	1,867.87	
Miscellaneous	284.85	
Books and Stationery	611.30	
Balance unexpended	99.50	
		$13,143.02

Credit.

Balance from last year	$0.70	
Amount of School Appropriation	12,750.00	
„ „ Dog Licenses	234.74	
Interest from Ripley Fund	40.40	
Received from Town of Hingham for Schooling of Children	106.50	
Received for Supplies sold	9.18	
„ „ Apples „	1.50	
		$13,143.02

CALEB LOTHROP,
Treasurer of the School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Gentlemen of the Committee : —

I have the honor to present for your consideration my report for the year ending December 20, 1895, it being the third I have thus presented.

On the whole, there have been but few changes in the methods used in the schools. The changes of the year preceding were of such a radical nature that my efforts during 1895 have been directed almost wholly to extending and perfecting the system in use. This undoubtedly will be the story of the next two or three years, as the changes already made have been so great that time alone will bring the decided advance for which I have led you to look. I can simply say that there is improvement noticeable now, but all is not what we hope for. Teachers feel that they are traveling in strange ways, and as new questions continually arise, they are forced to move slowly and cautiously ; yet they have acted wisely in the main and are beginning to feel the confidence that comes through familiarity with conditions. Teachers and pupils are readjusting themselves, and each feels the effect of the broader culture we are trying to give and of the enthusiastic contact with material of an interesting nature. Our teachers are being infected with the ideas of the newer education, the seeds of which were planted by my predecessor ; and the children are being stimulated to new effort and are being led to a position from which they will get a view of the beauties as well as of the duties and the trials of life.

Teaching Forces.

Our schools are all more or less crowded except the King Street and the Jerusalem schools. This is especially true of the Osgood School, and an additional teacher in this building is a necessity. In order to accommodate all the pupils of the grammar grades it has been necessary to divide the sixth and the seventh grades, putting part of the sixth with the fifth and part of the seventh with the eighth, leaving half of the sixth with half of the seventh, thus greatly interfering with class work. The three upper rooms are crowded beyond their capacity ; but there is ample room in the building for the seating of a new class with an additional teacher. With such a teacher the grammar grades could be graded with a class to a room, no class numbering over forty. The added expense would not be great, being simply the teacher's salary and a few small sums that might be needed to make the change of the seats from room to room to accommodate the pupils.

Our teaching force has changed more the past than in both the

preceding years of my service. Miss Adelaide Stevens, of the Beechwood Primary School, did not return at the opening of school in September. Her place was taken by Miss Mary A. Stephens, who is doing most excellent work. Miss Elizabeth Bates has been out all of the present school year on account of her mother's sickness, and her place is being filled by Miss Mary L. Merchant, formerly of the Gloucester schools. In October Miss Hattie Nichols resigned to enter the Normal Art School. Miss Maude L. Gates, a graduate of, and a former teacher at, Bradford Academy, was elected to fill the vacancy. The remaining teachers are those that have been in service for several years past. They are conservative and steady. I am pleased with the spirit they show toward new movements, as each does her share to make everything attempted successful. It is imperative that our teachers be of a cultured and specially trained class who look at the work of teaching from a professional standpoint. All efforts on the part of your honorable Board, the greatest liberality and interest on the part of the citizens, and the most persistent work on the part of your Superintendent, will fail unless our teachers possess character and ability. No course of study, no supervision, is able to do the school-room work of training and character-building; that is preëminently the teacher's part of education, and no incompetent, ignorant person can accomplish it. As the State has recently established normal schools enough to supply trained teachers and has raised the standard for admission to these schools, thus ensuring a fair amount of scholarship, the Committee should, henceforth, demand normal school graduates to fill vacancies.

Our Town girls have not availed themselves of this normal school training for which our high school so well fits them. I would call the attention of our townspeople to the advantages offered by the State, and urge that, instead of sending their daughters to *training classes*, they send them to some normal school. The expense is no greater, as tuition is free, and the education is broader and better fits for the work of teaching. A training class makes girls good imitators without giving much of the foundations on which the work rests. In fact a training class is usually a short cut to the ranks of the profession, and those who enter in this way are handicapped in the competition for advancement.

Departmental Teaching.

In my report for 1894 I dwelt at length upon the advantages and the disadvantages of the departmental method of teaching. Within the past year we have extended and rendered more perfect the working of the system. To-day I can speak of results in our own schools. First of all, it can be said without fear of successful contradiction that there has been no falling off from former excellence at any point. The enthusiasm of the pupils and the teachers is greater, the handling of subjects by the teachers is broader and

more scholarly, the children show a widening in their range of ideas, as a result of contact with many teachers, each of whose minds works in different grooves, different phases of the child's character are developed by different teachers, who, according to their own dispositions, appreciate and arouse into activity the various inclinations of the pupil.

There are at present some thirty towns and cities in the State where this method is used to a greater or less extent, and the reports are so uniformly in its favor that it is slowly extending in places adapted to its use. It has the support of a majority of the best educators in the country, although it is fair to say that many, equally good, condemn it. The Committee of Ten, in the most famous educational report issued in our country, heartily commends it. On the other hand, the Committee of Fifteen, in a report ranking second only to the report of the Committee of Ten, is inclined to condemn the system. President Eliot, of Harvard, who is a warm advocate of the system for grammar schools, declared that he had yet to hear of a single school into which it had been introduced where it had not been a conspicuous success the first year. He insisted, too, that there was no loss of personal contact and influence under the departmental system, but rather a gain. As this last point is the one especially emphasized by the opponents of the system and the chief objection raised by some of our own teachers, it has been the one above all others I have watched most carefully. From what I can see, at best little compared with that the teachers observe, I am convinced that President Eliot is right. We have had fewer cases of *serious* disorder in our schools than ever before under my supervision, and teachers, to all appearances, as much respected and as influential as ever. If these things prove true in the long run, there must be a gain in the school's power to build the child's character.

Teachers' Meeting.

I have called fourteen regular teachers' meetings during the past year and several meetings of the special teachers in the departmental work to consider the subjects taught by them. At the regular meetings I have had help from the following gentlemen: Superintendent I. M. Norcross, of Weymouth, subject, *Attention;* Dr. John T. Prince, Agent of the State Board of Education, subject, *The Teacher's Preparation;* Mr. A. E. Bradford, our music teacher, subject, *Music in our Schools;* and Mr. George A. Walton, Agent of the State Board of Education, subject, *The Preparation of the Teacher and the Pupil.* Of the remaining ten meetings, conducted by myself, four have been upon the psychology of the presentative powers, including the following topics: *Psychology, the Senses, Habits, and Attention;* one was upon *Reading as a Thought Study;* two were round-table talks upon *Discipline* and *The Relations of Teacher and Parent;* and three were general.

Visits.

I have made 115 regular visits, distributed as follows: Beechwood School, 12; King Street School, 12; North School, 10; Jerusalem School, 11; Osgood School, high, 9; grammar grades, 36; primary grades, 37; total, 81. Besides these, I have made many short visits, most of them being to grades in the Osgood School.

Truancy.

There have not been so many cases of truancy as in the past years. Last spring, upon order from your honorable Board, I secured the conviction of a confirmed truant, who was sent to the Walpole Truant School for two years. Reports from the school show that the action was for the boy's good, and the effect on our schools has been most salutary. Children must attend school for a long enough time to acquire those habits and that knowledge that foster good citizenship. Compulsion, fortunately, is seldom needed; but when either the parents or the boy, through wilfulness or neglect, fails to improve the opportunities offered by the Town, then force must be used, that the future safety and well-being of both the individual and the State may be secured against the lawlessness that comes from uncontrolled impulses and from the dangers that arise from an ignorant body of voters.

Reading.

My leading work in school methods has been directed toward the improvement of the reading. By our past methods, the mechanical difficulties of reading had been fairly well mastered, so I have turned my efforts toward the thought element. As foreshadowed in my last report, masterpieces of literature — both poetical and prose — have been substituted for the old-fashioned reading-books so long in vogue, which at best give, as has been said, but a peep-hole view of a piece of scenery or a single dramatic act in a series of such acts. By the time the pupil has reached the grammar grades, the mechanical difficulties should have been to a large degree overcome, and selections should be made with the view to cultivate a taste and love for good literature. The reading may branch out into many lines, and it is no easy task to select the books, so many attractive and useful subjects present themselves. The classical myths told in the charming language of a Bulfinch, the enticing historical writings of Scudder, Higginson, and Coffin, the instructive biographies by Hawthorne, the pleasing nature and geographical readers by a dozen well-known authors, — all demand a place. But when we pause to think of the object to be aimed at as a result of the reading lessons, we must push information into the background, giving it at best a second rank. We are now aiming so to train that the pupils may acquire the power of getting thoughts from the printed page, and at

the same time to furnish our young charge with high ideals, to put him in touch and sympathy with the best our noble English language can afford. This the average information reader, no matter how well written, will not do. We must consult the tastes of the child, too, in making our selections, and see to it that we do not get too far away from him and his ideals. We may keep a little ahead of him, but not so far that he looks after us in the despair of ever overtaking us. It is useless trying to get a little girl to read nothing but *Our Wayside Friends*, with its valuable information, when she is craving for *Hans Andersen;* it is a waste of time to expatiate to a boy on *The Beauties of the Sea* when he hungers for adventure. A boy's mind at certain periods demands stories of marvel and action as much as his body does nutriment; and if we cannot furnish him with good, he will satisfy his longing with the *Dare-Devil-Dick* style of novel. He must be led to see that the pure and good book is just as interesting and absorbing and vastly more ennobling than the trash sold over the average news-stand. Reading of the proper kind, well handled, becomes lessons in psychology, morals, and ethics. Each is here studied in the concrete; and the teachings are lasting, for the pupil is led to enter into the feelings of the characters of the selection, to think their thoughts, to suffer their pains and remorse of conscience, and to experience their joys and triumphs.

Future Work.

It is my plan to work upon one subject at a time, feeling I have gained materially if a single year shows advance in that without awakening in other branches. During the coming year reading will continue to be an important topic, especially in its co-relations with other studies, and I shall try to improve the history teaching, following in the main the lines of work laid down in my last report. I hope to place my plan relating to this study, fully developed, before you in a few weeks for consideration and approval. I shall also ask you again to consider the subject of vertical writing. I will not dwell upon it at present, as I have done so in the past. I will simply say I am thoroughly converted to it, and believe it correct, from a pedagogical point of view. I have had full opportunity to study it in daily use for nearly a year in the neighboring town of Hingham.

Schoolhouses.

There is little to say concerning the school buildings. They are all in fair condition. The most pressing need is the reseating at the North and the Beechwood schools, but that will be remedied before this is in print, as a result of your recent order.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER L. CURTISS.

REPORT ON MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS OF COHASSET.

It almost seems that there is no limit to what children can learn in music; the limitations lie principally in the methods pursued and in the amount of time that is devoted to daily practice.

Educators all agree that music should be taught in public schools, but the tendency of late has been to cut down the time for practice in singing, until to-day in many schools, including those of Cohasset, it has been reduced to the minimum of one hour a week.

We are told that this must be done that the many other studies may receive proper attention, as if number could only be taught from the arithmetic — history, physical culture, language, etc., only from the various textbooks on these subjects. The primary aim of our work in music is to teach the pupils to sing new music at sight; but this does not represent one half the benefit which the pupils derive from the systematic training they receive under the head of music instruction. A large share of the time devoted to the lessons in music is spent in training the pupils along the line of their other studies, — in precision, concentration of thought, prompt obedience to written signs, combined mental and physical activity. Sight-singing cannot take the place of other studies, but it is supplementary to every branch taught in school. It gives to all new meaning and added interest, and is to a greater extent than is generally understood a direct means of advancement in the so-called regular branches. Plato says: "Music is a moral law. It gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, a charm to sadness, gaiety and life to everything. It is the essence of order, and leads to all that is good, just, and beautiful, of which it is the invisible, but nevertheless dazzling, passionate, and eternal form."

If this is true, — and we can hardly suspect that the old stoic philosopher would overestimate the value of music, — it is surely deserving of a high place for its educational value alone.

It is a matter of regret that the time for this study should be reduced to its present limit, but this fact among other things has led to improved methods in teaching, and to the use of textbooks adapted to present conditions; and while I dislike to condemn a system that has proved so satisfactory in the past, I am satisfied that in the present conditions far better results could be obtained in the use of the "Normal Music Course," and I would recommend that in the lower grades at least the books and charts of this course be adopted and placed in the schools as soon as practicable.

I have had an excellent opportunity to prove the value of this course over the one in use in our schools from having taught it a part of the time for the last three years. As I compare results it is very apparent to me that a change would be for the best interests of our schools. Respectfully submitted,

A. E. BRADFORD.

REPORT OF TEACHER OF DRAWING.

To the Superintendent of Schools :—

The customary June exhibition of the drawing was omitted as, by request of the State supervisor, Mr. Bailey, an exhibit was prepared and sent to the Martha's Vineyard Summer School of methods for teachers held under the direction of the State Board of Education. The purpose of the exhibit was to show work done in town schools. Some of our best work was sent.

Each year we note a decided gain in the amount and quality of the work accomplished. The pupils are steadily gaining both in knowledge of the various subjects of study and in ability to see and skill to express their form knowledge.

In our Primary work we have emphasized especially the drawing or illustrative sketching, and in order to gain time for this, the most educational feature of the course, we have done away with the clay modeling.

Modeling has found its place in our courses of drawing as a means of repeated form-impression, and affords, in common with the drawing, an opportunity for the expression of creative activity on the part of the pupil. The clay is ordinarily used during the three primary years and then entirely dropped.

While we realize its value as an educational factor, our observation leads us to believe that, as now generally used in public schools, it does not help the drawing, but rather hinders, as in the large majority of primary schools, where the time for the subject is limited to an hour or an hour and a half per week, it has crowded out the drawing

The little child can get a sufficient knowledge of form from repeated handling of the type form and similar objects and from a study of their pictures to enable him to make good drawings. One medium of expression seems to be enough for him to attempt to acquire in the allotted time. The sketching requires as careful eye, mind, and hand training as does the modeling, and is immediately the more useful acquirement, since the pupil is more often required to express his form knowledge by drawing than by the use of clay.

We believe that in the near future our Public School System will give clay modeling its rightful place, which is in a course of manual training.

The children enjoy the drawing and have done some particularly good illustrative sketching of natural objects.

No change has been made in the general plan of work in the grammar and high schools. In the latter the original design and the drawing of furniture and interiors, as corners of the room, open doors, etc., are worthy of mention. This, with some good work in mechanical perspective, covers the new features added to what we have previously undertaken.

In our outlying schools we are following the course for ungraded schools as outlined by the State Supervisor and his assistant, Mr. Sargent. An illustrated outline has been publisned by the State and supplied to the towns on application. We find this excellently adapted to our primary schools, and useful also in the graded schools.

My work with the teachers has been wholly individual in the Osgood School, as each one represents a different grade of work. A few meetings have been held during the year for the teachers in the outlying schools.

Some excellent classic vase forms and a few good casts of historic ornament have been added to our material.

We desire to acknowledge Mr. Joseph Bigelow's gift of a beautiful colored photograph to the High School.

In comparing the results of the year with those of previous years, we observe a marked improvement in neatness, truthfulness, and self-dependence. The drawings show, moreover, a gain in the appreciation of that which is beautiful. We can, therefore, report substantial progress.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. PEARSON.

SCHOOLS, TEACHERS & STATISTICS.

Schools.	Teachers.	Salary.	Grades.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Tardy.
Osgood	C. F. Jacobs	1,500					
	Gertrude M. Gleason	500	High	59	54.1	92	149
	Annie M. Keene	500					
	Martha P. Bates	500	8	25	22.9	91	16
	Hattie J. Nichols / Maude Gates	400	7	36.2	32.9	90	57
	Annie A. Souther	400	5, 6	32.3 / 35.3	29.1 / 32.7	90 / 92	56 / 41
	Lizzie C. Bates	400	3, 4	22 / 21.4	20.9 / 18.7	95 / 87	9 / 13
	Priscilla L. Collier	400	2	27.4	23.7	86	39
	Sarah E. Fox	400	1	27	23.	85	41
	Myra L. Beal	380					
Jerusalem	Annie Fox	400		17.5	15.5	88	7
North	Susannah L. Stoddard	400		28	25.5	91	11
King Street	May Towne	400		13.5	12.5	92	5
Beechwood	Adelaide Stevens / M. A. Stephens	400		27.2	24.5	90	71
	M. A. Pearson	300					
	A. E. Bradford	325					
	Totals	7,605		371.8	336.	90	515

Children in town, May 1, 1895, between 5 and 15 years of age	341
Children in town, May 1, 1895, between 8 and 14 years of age	244
Whole number of children of all ages in school for the year	419
Number in school over 15	49
Number in school under 5	0
Number in school between 5 and 15	372
Number in school between 8 and 14	227
Average membership of schools	371.8
Average attendance of schools	336
Per cent. of attendance	90

One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE SELECTMEN

OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET

AND THE

REPORTS OF OTHER TOWN OFFICERS,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1896.

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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1896-97.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

PHILANDER BATES, Chairman	Term Expires,	March 1, 1899
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW	" "	March 1, 1898
NEWCOMB B. TOWER	" "	March 1, 1897

Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, ABRAHAM H. TOWER.

School Committee.

E. POMEROY COLLIER, Chairman	Term Expires,	March 1, 1899
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW	" "	March 1, 1897
AMOS A. LAWRENCE	" "	March 1, 1897
LOUIS T. CUSHING	" "	March 1, 1898
CYRUS H. BATES	" "	March 1, 1898
CALEB LOTHROP, Secretary and Treasurer	" "	March 1, 1899

Superintendent of Schools, ELMER L. CURTISS.

Board of Health, THE SELECTMEN.

Fire Engineers and Forest Fire Wards.

EDWARD E. WENTWORTH, Chief.

HENRY E. BRENNOCK, 1st Ass't. ALSON S. RICHARDSON, 2d Ass't.
A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD. CHARLES A. GROSS.
WILLIAM E. CROCKER. HARRY E. MAPES, Clerk.

Superintendent of Streets, PHILANDER BATES.

Auditor. HARRY W. SOUTHER.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, ALLEN C. BATES.

Auctioneers.

LOUIS N. LINCOLN. AARON PRATT,
JAMES S. BEAL. EDWARD E. WENTWORTH.

Constables and Field Drivers.

EDWARD E. WENTWORTH. WILLIAM E. CROCKER.
A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD. MANUEL S. ENOS.
CHARLES L. KITTRELL. JOHN ROCHE.

Trustees of the Public Library.

REV. JOSEPH OSGOOD, D. D.	Term Expires,	March 1, 1899
MISS SARAH SIG. PRATT	" "	March 1, 1899
MISS EDITH M. BATES	" "	March 1, 1899
MRS. ABRAHAM H. TOWER	" "	March 1. 1897
MISS SARAH B. COLLIER, Librarian	" "	March 1, 1897
EDWARD F RIPLEY	" "	March 1, 1897
EDWARD E. ELLMS	" "	March 1, 1898
LOUIS T. CUSHING	" "	March 1, 1898
ABRAHAM H. TOWER, Treasurer	" "	March 1, 1898

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

HERBERT L. BROWN. CHAS. F. BENNETT. FRANKLIN BEAL

Public Weighers.

PHILANDER BATES. CALEB F. NICHOLS

Fence Viewers.

CHARLES H. WILLARD. EPHRAIM SNOW, JR

Surveyors of Lumber.

ARTHUR O. HIGGINS. JOSEPH A. VALINE

Inspector of Cattle, CALEB F. NICHOLS.

Undertaker, WARREN F. SNOW.

Pound Keeper, LEVI L. WORRICK.

Keeper of Lockup, MANUEL S. ENOS.

Registrars of Voters.

CHARLES F. TILDEN, Chairman	Term Expires	May 1, 1897
C. JAMES PRATT	" "	May 1, 1898
JOHN L PRATT	" "	May 1, 1899

HARRY F. TILDEN, Town Clerk, *ex officio*, Clerk of Board.

REPORT

OF

THE TOWN CLERK.

Doings of the
TOWN OF COHASSET.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Extracts from the Town Records.

The Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset was held March 2, 1896, agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same, at which time the several articles contained were acted upon as follows:—

(The number of registered voters was 513 males, 2 females.)

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting. *Chose*, Philander Bates, Moderator.

Article 2. To act upon the financial reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Librarian and Treasurer of the Public Library, School Committee, Treasurer of School Committee, and Auditor.

Each of the above reports was, by a vote, accepted.

Article 3. To choose all town officers required by law, and town By-laws.

A list of the officers chosen at this meeting and appointed by the Selectmen may be seen upon page 4.

Article 4. What sums of money will the town raise and appropriate for the payment of debt, interest, support of schools, repair of highways, relief of poor, public library, electric lights, watering streets, decorating soldiers' and sailors' graves, soldiers' and sailors' relief and all other necessary charges and expenses for the current year?

Voted, That the sum of thirty-eight thousand five hundred dollars ($38,500.00) be assessed and raised by taxation the current year as recommended by the Selectmen.

Voted, That the sum of fifty-one thousand five hundred dollars ($51,500.00) be appropriated the current year as recommended by the selectmen which was as follows :—

For Payment of Debt	$6,400 00
Payment of Interest	3,000 00
Support of Schools	13,000 00
Support and Relief of Poor	5,000 00
Highways and sidewalks	8,000 00
Electric Lights	5,000 00
Cohasset and Hingham Water Companies	1,950 00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	500 00
Town Officers	1,700 00
Watering Streets	1,200 00
Special Police	1,500 00
Fire Department	650 00
Removing Snow	500 00
Public Library, Cohasset	850 00
Public Library, No. Cohasset	100 00
Henry Bryant Post, G. A. R., 98	100 00
Printing	250 00
Straits Pond	150 00
Military Aid	200 00
Cattle Inspection	250 00
Town Hall	200 00
Incidental expenses	1,000 00
Total	$51,500 00

Article 5. Will the Town authorize the Treasurer to hire money with the approval of the Selectmen, in anticipation of the taxes, and to pay State and Military Aid?

It was voted, That he be so authorized.

Article 6. In what manner will the town collect the taxes for the current year, and at what time shall they be paid into the treasury.

It was voted, That the taxes the current year be collected in the same manner, and paid into the treasury at the same time as last year, which was: "The taxes assessed for the current year shall be due and payable on the first day of August; and on all taxes remaining unpaid on the first day of October, interest, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, shall be added thereto until paid; and the taxes remaining unpaid on the tenth day of January (1897) shall be considered delinquent, and subject to collection according to law. The interest accruing under this vote shall be added to and be a part of such taxes."

Article 7. To hear the report of the Selectmen on guide-boards, and act thereon.

It was voted, That the above report be accepted. The report was as follows:—

Guide-boards are maintained at the following places: Corner of Church and Beechwood streets; Doane and Beechwood; King and Beechwood; Beechwood and South Main; South Main and Summer; Summer and Border; North Main and King; Forest Avenue and North Main; North Main and Jerusalem Road; Jerusalem Road and Forest Avenue; and Hull street and Jerusalem Road.

During the past year warning signs have been placed at the junction of the following private ways with public streets, viz.: At each end of the way leading from Forest avenue to Hull street; one at James' lane: South Main street; one at Treat's lane; Elm street; one at the Parker place on Border street; and one at the White Head road, Atlantic avenue.

Article 8. Will the town accept the list of jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen?

It was voted, That the requests of four persons to have their names stricken from the list of juors be granted, making the list, as accepted by the town, as follows:—

Edwin Bates,	J. Loring Litchfield,
Oliver H. Bates,	Henry L. McMahon,
Charles F. Bennett,	Arthur Mulvey,
Isaac W. Beal,	John J. A. Pratt,
Franklin Beal,	George W. Pratt,
Arthur Burnham,	C. James Pratt,

Robert L. Curtis,	Charles J. Priest,
B. Preston Clark,	John Roche,
Thomas W. Doyle,	Thomas A. Rich,
William Faxon, Jr.,	Israel N. Small,
John E. F. Frates,	Franklin Stoddard,
John W. Hunt,	Willie F. Thayer,
Charles H. Hackett,	Warren L. Tower,
Frederic G. James,	Israel C. Vinal,
George Jason,	Manuel P. Valine,
Thomas F. Kinsley,	Levi L. Worrick,
George W. Kimball,	Frank W. Wheelwright,

Thomas Lincoln.

Article 9. What compensation will the town allow the Collector of Taxes for the current year?

It was voted, That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the current year be the same as last year, viz.: two hundred dollars.

Articlæ 10. Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in the town the current year, in accordance with Chap. 100, Sec. 5 of the Public Statutes?

The polls for the reception of the ballots upon this question will be opened at half-past 11 a. m., and be kept open until 1 o'clock p. m.

Upon the above question two hundred and three ballots were cast, of which one hundred and three were "No," and one hundred were "Yes."

Article 11. To hear and act upon the report of any committee.

It was voted, To accept the report on Town History read by Oliver H. Howe, M. D.

It was voted, That the committee on heating the town hall be granted more time, as requested.

It was voted, To accept the report of the committee on conferring with the railroad officials of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. in regard to the crossing near the depot of Pleasant street.

Article 12. Will the town cause a new bridge to be con-

structed over Gulf River on Border street, or act on anything relating thereto?

It was voted, That this article be laid on the table, and that the Selectmen obtain estimates of the cost of an iron bridge across said river, and report at a special meeting to be held in about three weeks, in the evening.

ARTICLE 13. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to finish the upper room of the Hook and Ladder House, No. 2, on Doane street, and make all other necessary improvements?

It was voted, That the town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to finish the upper room of the Hook and Ladder House, No. 2, on Doane street, and make all other necessary improvements, also that the money be spent under the direction of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 14. Will the town cause ten additional Electric Lights to be placed on King street, for the better protection of travel, or act thereon?

It was voted, To pass over this article.

ARTICLE 15. What sum of money will the town raise for building a Sidewalk on King street, the making of the same to be left at the discretion of the Superintendent of Streets?

It was voted, To pass over this article.

ARTICLE 16. Will the town raise and appropriate two hundred dollars to widen and raise the grade of the swamp part of the road on Doane street, and put in two water courses?

It was voted, To pass over this article.

ARTICLE 17. Will the town authorize its Selectmen to contract, for a term of ten years or more, with the Cohasset Water Company, for a supply of water for fire hydrants, fountains, school houses and town buildings; also for such further hydrants as in their judgment may be for the best interest of the town?

It was voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to contract, with the Cohasset Water, Co., for a supply of water for fire hydrants, fountains, school houses, town buildings and watering streets, also for such further hydrants as in their judgment may be for the

best interest of the town, for any number of years and price as they may see fit.

ARTICLE 18. What action will the town take in regard to its claim againt the estate of Catherine Lyons?

It was voted, That the above claim against the estate of Catherine Lyons, be referred to the Selectmen with power to adjust the same according to their best judgment.

ARTICLE 19. Will the town instruct the Selectmen to define the location and width of the highway on Border street, in front of land owned by Michael N. and James E. Brennock, and cause a survey and plan of the same to be made?

It was voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to define the location and the width of the highway on Border Street, in front of land owned by Michael N. and James E. Brennock and cause a survey and plan of the same to be made.

ARTICLE 20. Will the town cause the Jerusalem road extension, so called, to be named Atlantic avenue, thereby making said avenue to extend from the residence of William H. Crane on Margin street to corner opposite residence of H. O. Aldrich on Jerusalem road? Also cause Beach street to terminate at its junction with Atlantic avenue.

It was voted, That the Jerusalem road extension, so called, be named Atlantic avenue, thereby making said avenue extend from the residence of William H. Crane on Margin street to corner opposite the residence of H. O. Aldrich on Jerusalem road.

Also that Beach street should terminate its junction with Atlantic avenue.

ARTICLE 21. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars to purchase and erect a flagstaff upon the rocks near Grand Army Hall?

It was voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars to purchase and erect a flagstaff upon the rocks near Grand Army Hall.

ARTICLE 22. Will the town cause the financial report to be printed and distributed in the month of February, 1897?

It was voted, In the affirmative.

It was voted, That the thanks of the meeting be extended to the

Moderator for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over this meeting.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. provided a lunch, as usual, in the dining room from 11.30 a. m. to 1 o'clock p. m.

At twenty-five minutes after three o'clock in the afternoon the meeting was by a vote dissolved.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Cohasset held Tuesday evening, April 7, 1896, agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same the several articles in the warrant were acted on as follows :-

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

CHOSE, Philander Bates, Moderator.

CHOSE, Newcomb B. Tower, Clerk pro tem.

ARTICLE 2. Will the town cause a new bridge to be constructed over Gulf River on Border street or act on anything relating thereto.

It was voted, That the Selectmen cause an iron bridge to be constructed over Gulf River, on Border street, and that they be authorized to hire money to pay for the same.

ARTICLE 3. Will the town raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to place and maintain three electric lights on Doane street, one near hook and ladder building, one near residence of Robert L. Curtis, one near the residence of Frank Mitchell, or act thereon.

It was voted, That the matter of placing additional electric lights on Doane street, be referred to the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 4. Will the town cause one thousand smelts to be placed in Gulf Mill River at head water, for breeding purpose.

It was voted, That the Selectmen cause one thousand smelts to be placed in Gulf Mill River for breeding purposes.

ARTICLE 5. Will the town continue to let the Village Guild Association have the use of the Harbor School Building, free of rent, or act thereon?

It was voted, That the Village Guild Association continue to have the use of the Harbor School Building, free of rent, until the town may require it for other purposes, provided said Association keep the same in repair.

ARTICLE 6. Will the town authorize the treasurer to hire money with the approval of the Selectmen for the purpose of building a section of the State Highway, petitioned for last year, should the State Highway Commission order it built the ensuing year?

It was voted, That the treasurer be authorized to hire money with the approval of the Selectmen, for the purpose of building a section of the State Highway petitioned for last year, should the Highway Commission order it built the current year.

It was voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

ELECTION RECORD.

November 3, 1896

Number of Registered Voters in Cohasset, 547.
Whole number of ballots cast, 411.

Electors of President and Vice-Presidents at Large in Cohasset.

	*Total Vote	Vote of Cohasset.
Bryan and Sewell, Dem.:		
Ernest C. Marshall, of Boston	90,293	42
Daniel W. Kenney, of Holyoke	90,530	42
Byran and Sewall, Dem., Bryan Nom. Paper Henry Winn, of Malden Bryan & Watson, P. P. Henry Winn, of Malden	15,181	4
Levering & Johnson, Pro.		
Edward Kendall, of Cambridge	2,998	1
Alfred W. Richardson, of Springfield	2,982	1
Matchett and Maquire, S. L. Party.		
George L. Lovell, of Holyoke	2,112	0
Patrick F. Griffen, of North Adams	2,114	0
McKinley and Hobart, Rep.		
John Q. A. Brackett, of Arlington	278,976	333
William H. Haile, of Springfield	278,974	333
Palmer and Buckner.		
Thomas J. Gargan, of Boston	11,749	15
James S. Grinnell, of Greenfield	11,711	15
Blanks		16

The electors nominated for each of the thirteen districts of the State received the same number of votes as the electors at large.

*—Official.

Governor.

Thomas C. Brophy, S. L. P., of Somerville	4,548	0
Allen Coffin, Pro., of Nantucket	4,472	2
Frederick O. Prince, Dem. N. N. P., of Boston	14,164	6
George Fred. Williams, Dem., of Dedham	76,901	35
George Fred. Williams, P. P., of Dedham	5,907	2
George Fred. Williams, D. B. N. P., of Dedham	17,033	7

Roger Wolcott, Rep., of Boston	258,204	322
George Fred. Williams, of Dedham	3,821	1
Blanks		36

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Christopher, T. Callahan, Dem., of Holyoke	94,921	40
W. Murray Crane, Rep., of Dalton	247,336	307
Archibald Dakin, P. P., of Brockton	3,853	0
James E. McConnell, D. N. N. P., of Fitchburg	14,194	8
William W. Nash, Pro., of Williamsburg	4,933	5
Moritz E. Rutler, S. L. P., of Holyoke	3,134	0
Blanks		51

SECRETARY.

Asa F. Hall, P. P., of Hudson	4,542	2
Waldo Lincoln, D. N. N. P., of Worcester	19,496	6
William M. Olin, Rep., of Boston	244,302	297
Joseph H. Potts, Dem., of Lynn	79,720	40
Leroy D. Usher, S. L. P., of Worcester	2,952	0
Willard O. Wylie, Pro., of Beverley	4,810	3
Blanks		63

TREASURER.

Charles G. F. Claus, S. L. P., of Malden	4,301	0
Robert C. Habberley, Pro., of Hyde Park	6,214	3
Edward P. Shaw, Rep., of Newburyport	238,106	290
Horace P. Tobey, D. N. N. P., of Wareham	27,018	15
Thomas A. Watson, Dem., of Braintree	78,183	37
Blanks		66

AUDITOR.

Maurice P. Cavanough, D. B. N. P., of Springfield	31,824	12
Maurice J. Fitzgerald, Dem., of Boston	60,151	27
Thomas A. Frissell, Pro., of Hinsdale	5,994	3
John W. Kimball, Rep., of Fitchburg	238,124	293
Rufus H. Phinney, S. L. P., of Lynn	3,226	0
William P. Proctor, P. P., of Marblehead	3,340	1
Charles C. Spellman, D. N. N. P., of Springfield	12,881	7
Blanks		68

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

John C. Chase, S. L. P., of Haverhill	4,111	0
Wolcott Hamlin, Pro., of Amherst	5,799	2
Henry F. Hurlburt, D. N. N. P., of Lynn	21,116	7
Hosea M. Knowlton, Rep., of New Bedford	240,186	296
William H. Morse, P. P., of Chelsea	3,988	0
John B. O'Donnell, Dem., of Northampton	81,253	37
Blanks		69

COUNCILLOR—First District.

Nathaniel F. Ryder, Rep., of Middleborough	29,747	296
Blanks		115

SENATOR—First Plymouth District.

Albert F. Barker, Rep., of Hanson	5,838	288
Charles D. Nash, Dem., of Whitman	1,960	48
Blanks		75

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT—Third Plymouth District.

Walter L. Bouvé, Rep., of Hingham	965	293
John Fee		3
Blanks		115

CLERK OF COURTS—Norfolk.

Louis A. Cook, Rep., of Weymouth	10,803	195
David W. Murray, Dem., of Hyde Park	5,067	44
Erastus Worthington, non-partisan, of Dedham	6,142	121
Blanks		51

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—Norfolk.

Charles C. Sanderson, Dem., of Dedham	5,751	47
Edwin D. Wadsworth, Rep., of Milton	15,322	291
Blanks		73

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER—Norfolk—To fill vacancy.

George H. Mann, Rep., of Sharon	16,030	287
Blanks		124

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS—Twelfth District.

Elbridge Gerry Brown, Dem., of Brockton	6,354	33
William C. Lovering, Rep , of Taunton	21,107	297
Blanks		81

FIRST ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution establishing biennial elections of state officers be approved and ratified?

Yes	115,505	135
No	161,263	131
Blanks		145

SECOND ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution establishing biennial elections of members of the general court be approved and ratified?

Yes	105,589	123
No	156,211	121
Blanks		167

VOTE OF THE THIRD PLYMOUTH DISTRICT FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT.

	Hingham.	Cohasset.	Hull.	Totals.
Walter L. Bouvé, of Hingham	552	293	120	965
All others	14	3	0	17
Blanks	255	115	55	425
Totals	821	411	175	1,407

It appearing that Walter L. Bouvé of Hingham had received a plurality of the votes given in, a certificate of election was issued to him.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Cohasset, held Saturday evening, November 14, 1896, agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same, the several articles in the warrant were acted upon as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Chose, Philander Bates, Moderator.

Article 2. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen in regards to the boundary line between Cohasset and Hingham.

It was voted, To accept the report of the Selectmen in regards to the boundary line between Cohasset and Hingham, which was as follows:

"Report of the Selectmen of the town of Cohasset, upon a proposed change in the boundary line between the said town of Cohasset and Hingham. The undersigned, the Selectmen of Cohasset, hereby report, that at a conference held with the Selectmen of Hingham in the month of October last, the following in the boundary line between the two towns was agreed upon subject to the acceptance by each of the said towns at special meetings to be held for that purpose, viz.: Beginning at the bound stone on Turkey Hill, thence running a straight line in a northeasterly direction to the southerly end of a stone wall between land of Henry M. Whitney and estate of John Beal; thence in a northerly direction on the line of said wall and across North Main street, about four hundred and thirty-seven feet to the road-bed of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company's tracks; thence in a northwesterly direction, in a straight line, to a point on Hull street near the entrance to land of the late Augustus Lothrop."

Article 3. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen in regards to the boundary line between Cohasset and Scituate.

It was voted, Not to accept the report of the Selectmen in regards to the boundary line between Cohasset and Scituate.

Upon the above report not being accepted the Selectmen read another report.

It was voted, To accept the last report of the Selectmen, which was as follows:

"Report of the Selectmen of the town of Cohasset upon a proposed change in the boundary line between the said town of Cohasset and Scituate. The undersigned, the Selectmen of Cohasset, hereby report that agreeably to the desire of the State Topographical Commission as expressed to them, whereby it would have the boundary line between this town and Scituate, between Gulf river and Bailey's creek, so called, straight if agreeable to the inhabi-

tants of said towns, having viewed the premises and finding that a straight line between the two points aforesaid will not be agreeable to certain real estate owners who own land in the vicinity, hereby submit the following change from the present boundary line, viz.: Beginning at a point on the bank of Gulf river at the southerly corner of land of Dr. Henry L. Shaw, and thence running in a straight line to the southerly gate post of the driveway entrance to the stable of Dr. Shaw, aforesaid, the said line passing between the house and the stable, and from said gate post running in a straight line to the present point of division between the two towns upon the southerly bank of Bailey's creek, so called."

MILITARY DUTY.

The number of men in Cohasset liable to perform military duty May 1, 1896	340

DOGS LICENSED.

The number of dogs licensed in Cohasset from December 1, 1895, to December 1, 1896, were:—

Male	145
Female	8
Total	153

LIST OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Registered in Cohasset during the Year 1896.

MARRIAGES.

Date.	NAME.	Residence.	Where and by whom Married.
Jan. 1	Ashael Foster Nott Elizabeth Hudson	Cohasset So. Boston	Married in Boston by Rev. Albert Eugene George.
Jan. 6	John Francis Smith Ellen Conley	Cohasset "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Ignatius P. Egan.
Jan. 16	James Michael Sweeney Delia Frances McDonald	Cohasset "	Married in Arlington by Rev. C. F. Hennessey.
Jan. 29	Rennetts Carren Miller Ethel May Beale	Cohasset Hingham	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William Nast Brodbeck.
Mar. 1	Samuel Olson Isabel M. Osborn	Norwell "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. George J. Newton.
Mar. 3	Joseph William Almeida Alicia Margaret Rooney	Cohasset "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Charles F. Cowen.
Mar. 4	Richard Stacy Gardner Annie Sarah Lean	Cohasset "	Married in North Cohasset by Rev. Rennetts C. Miller.
Mar. 16	Thomas Loney, Af. Marion Leona Brinford, Af.	Cohasset "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood, D.D.
April 27	John Fisher Mary Agnes Flahive	Cohasset "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Charles F. Cowen.
April 29	Abbot Litchfield Charlotte C. Leavitt	Scituate "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood, D D.
April 29	Timothy J. McCarthy Katherine Agnes Loche	Cohasset "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Ignatius P. Egan.
April 30	Joseph Frank Leo Silvia Eunice (Brown) Mellow	Cohasset "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Charles F. Cowen.
June 16	Robert W. McAllister Edith MacCormack	Lowell Cohasset	Married in Cohasset by Rev. E. Victor Bigelow.
June 24	George Alfred Herrington Ada Brewster Richardson	Boston Cohasset	Married in North Cohasset by Rev. Rennetts C. Miller.
June 25	George W. Odell Emma Stetson	Scituate "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood, D D.
Aug. 12	John L. McRae Ellie Connor	Quincy Cohasset	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Charles F. Cowen.
Sept. 3	Frank Joseph Doris Elizabeth Frates	Waltham "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Charles F. Cowen.
Sept. 30	George Edwardo Higgins Annie Elizabeth Wilson	Cohasset Quincy	Married in Quincy by Rev. Walter Russell Breed.

MARRIAGES.—*Continued.*

Date.	NAME.	Residence.	Where and by whom Married.
Sept. 30	Elmer Elsworth Hutchinson..	Cohasset.....	Married in Hingham by Rev.
	Winnie May Ruso.....	Hull..... ...	Cecil Harper.
Oct. 4	Alfred H. Flower	Cohasset.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev.
	Elvira Enos.....	"	Ignatius P. Egan.
Oct. 8	Ira Norton Pratt.....	Cohasset.....	Married in North Scituate by
	Sadie Lee Apts.....	Scituate.....	Rev. Albert D. Spaulding.
Oct. 11	George Damon.....	Scituate.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev.
	Lillie Catherine Rooney.....	Cohasset.....	Charles F. Cowen.
Oct. 14	Milton Holmes Plummer.	Somerville.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev.
	Alice Nichols Pratt.....	Cohasset.....	Joseph Osgood, D.D.
Oct. 18	Willie F. Pratt.....	Norwell.....	Married in Norwell by Rev.
	Ella Dusey.....	Cohasset.....	I. I. Leslie.
Nov. 19	William H. Stockbridge.....	Hingham.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev.
	Hattie J. Hyland.....	Norwell.....	Joseph Osgood, D.D.
Dec. 2	Michael Matthew Toomey.....	Cohasset.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev.
	Mary Theresa Mahoney.....	"	Charles F. Cowen.
Dec. 12	Manuel L. Botailzo.....	Cohasset.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev.
	Mary Tereza.....	"	Charles F. Cowen.
Dec. 14	Daniel F. Bates.....	Norwell.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev.
	Gertrude H. Stockbridge.....	Hingham.....	Joseph Osgood, D.D.
Dec. 27	Charles Augustus Tanger.....	Hingham.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev.
	Emma Victoria Leonard.	Cohasset.....	Ignatius P. Egan.

Twenty-nine marriages were registered in Cohasset as per list above, of which twenty-three were solemnized in this town. Sixteen grooms and eighteen brides were residents of Cohasset, while there were but eleven marriages in which both were residents of this town.

BIRTHS—1896.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAME.	Mother's M. N.	Place of Birth.
Jan. 1	Helen Elizabeth Sullivan...	Daniel and Mary A.....	Viger.....	James' Lane...
" 20	Elmer T. Stevens	Thomas A. and Louisa...	Clarke.....	Snow Place ....
Feb. 4	Arthur Napol'n Sheydecker	Alfred E. and Sophia.....	Hasentus...	No. Main St....
" 18	Allen Williams Clark	Benjamin P.&JosephineF.	Allen	Boston.....
" 22	Carl Almeron Davenport...	Arthur A. and Hannah E.	Powers.....	Cedar Street....
" 22	Lillian Frances Mitchell....	Frank A. and Phœbe.....	Frates	Doane Street...
" 27	John Wilson Tower.....	Charles A. and Emma P..	McNutt ...	Elm Street.....
Mar 3	Gracie Eleanor Tower.....	Thomas A. and Maria O..	McCloud...	Sohier Street...
" 23	Paul Victor Donovan.....	John and Mary A	Queeny.....	Margin Street..
" 30	Stella May White.....	Harry and Alice M.	Williams...	Pond Street....
April 11	Agnes Winifred Antoine...	Abraham J. and Elizabeth	Queeny	Beechwood St..
" 14	Marion Fuller James.....	Eyekiel L. and Nellie G..	Bates	King Street....
" 19	Ruth Elizabeth Stoughton..	Spencer H. and Mary C..	Pratt.	Beechwood St..
" 20	Ellen Margaret Smith.....	John F. and Ellen.....	Conley.....	Pleasant Street.
May 10	Bernice Leora Thayer	Arthur H. and Leora I...	Young	Pleasant Street.
June 1	George Harold Stoddard...	David H. and Hannah L..	Wheelwr'gt	Beechwood St..
" 11	Myron Ellwood Anderson..	Joseph C. and Annie F...	McKay	Beechwood St..
July 1	James Henry Wigmore....	Stephen and Annie.....	.....	Pleasant Street.
" 15	Edward Francis Grassie....	Thomas L. and Mary E.	Martin.....	Border Street..
" 15	Francis Amelia Wander....	Frederic W. and Annie J.	McGonigle.	Hull Street.....
Aug. 1	Alexander Albert Gillis....	Laughlin and Mary E....	McKinnon..	Jerusalem Road
" 5	Dorothy Eugenie Cann.....	Joseph M and Abbie E..	Wentworth.	So. Main St....
" 12	Donald Tower Gammons...	Charles W. and Edith J..	Tower.....	Highland Ave..
" 17	Viola Mae Thomas.....	Arthur C. and Julia E....	Krollman...	Smith's Place...
" 19	Florence Gertrude Wilson..	Joseph H. and Julia C. M.	Henry.....	Sohier Street...
" 31	Elizabeth Bernice Reilly...	Stephen and Mary.....	Finnegan...	Sohier Street...
Sept. 2	Harold Stephen Bandura...	Joseph F. and Mary L...	Johnson ...	Border Street..
" 4	Lizzie A. Rounbeller.....	Charles T. and Agnes....	Dougherty.	Hull Street.. ..
" 6	Evelyn Mildred Reamy....	Milton H. and Harriet L.	Manter.....	Border Street..
" 13	Edward Thomas Coyne....	Michael M. and Catherine	Keenan	Highland Ave..
" 27	Alicia Helen Almeida.....	Joseph W. and Alicia M..	Rooney.....	Stockbridge St.
Oct. 2	Alexander Forbes Shaw....	Alexander and Mary J...	Hogan.....	Jerusalem Road
" 12	Dorothea Thomas.....	Jas. B. and Myra Harris.	Mott Smith	Summer Street.
" 15	Mary Elizabeth Keefe.....	Patrick and Kate.....	Donovan...	No. Main St....
Nov. 9	William Eugene Johnson...	Edward J. and Helen E..	Herlihy....	Hull Street.....
" 11	Henry Bernard Kennedy...	John and Mary.	Connell.....	Smith's Place..
" 18	Earle Watson Higgins. ...	Fred C. and Emma F.....	Vance.....	Margin Street..
" 19	Ruth Miller Cornell.....	Fred M. and Harriet S...	Miller	No. Main St....
" 21	Emma Denton Nickerson...	Henry R. and Cornelia....	Denton.....	So. Main St....
Dec. 12	Howard Wallace Pratt.....	Ira W. and Sadie L.....	Apts.....	Beechwood St..
" 18	Warren Barker Nott.....	Charles E. and Clara M..	Small	Pleasant Street.
1895				
Sept. 13	Irene Oliver.....	Manuel and Mary A. C...	Dears.....	Border Street..
1891				
April 8	Monica Mary Lilley.....	John and Annie M.....	Vickery....	Jerusalem Road

The above list contains the names of forty babies born in Cohasset in 1896, one born in Boston in 1896, one born in 1891, one born in 1895, omitted from the last report.

Of those born in 1896, there were twenty males, and twenty females, with parentage as follows:—

American Father and American Mother	17	Foreign Father and American Mother	3
American Father and Foreign Mother	11	Foreign Father and Foreign Mother	9

DEATHS.—1896.

Date.	NAME.	Age. Y.	M	D.	Cause of Death.	Place of Death.
Jan. 4	Martha F. (Curtis) Wood..	30	0	0	Phthisis.....	Beechwood St.
" 7	Samuel Jones.....	45	11	10	Influenza.....	No. Main St.
" 12	Charles H. Litchfield.....	71	4	0	Cancer of Oesophagus.....	Church St.
Feb. 16	Almatia S. (Poore) Smith..	74	0	0	Broncho-Pneumonia.....	No. Main St.
" 21	John Souther.....	71	9	17	Cancer and Septic poisoning	Pond St.
Mar. 17	Francisco Jose da Silva...	50	4	13	Pulmonary Phthisis.....	Beechwood St.
" 21	James Stoddard Towle....	0	7	14	Broncho Pneumonia.....	So. Main St.
" 22	(1) Manuel S. Grassie.....	94	0	0	Old Age.....	Border St.
" 24	Soloman J. Hayden.....	51	0	0	Pneumonia.....	King St.
April 7	Augusta Silva.....	69	0	0	Pneumonia.....	King St.
" 13	Helen Elizabeth Sullivan..	0	3	0	Acute Gastritis.....	James' Lane.
" 21	Maria A. (Wood) Brown..	87	3	5	Old Age.....	Beechwood St.
" 23	Edward Everett Tower....	62	2	22	Broncho-Pneumonia.....	Highland Ave,
May 12	Sophronia Pierce Oakes...	78	6	23	Tumor.....	Medford.
June 8	Harriet C. (Curtis) Bates..	79	3	24	Valvular Disease.....	So. Main St.
" 11	Jacob Flint Bates.....	73	10	3	Debility following LaGrip.	So. Main St.
" 20	John N. Cook.....	86	9	10	Fatty Degeneration of Heart and Stomach.....	Jerusalem Road.
July 21	(2) Catherine Cushing Willard.....	90	9	6	Result of an injury (fall)...	So. Main St.
" 21	Frank A. Vargus.....	18	0	19	Typho-Meningitis.....	Beechwood St.
" 30	Alonzo P. Wilson.....	3	4	21	Meningitis.....	Sohier St.
Aug. 1	Sarah Sigourney Pratt.....	80	8	25	Cirrhosis of Liver.....	So. Main St.
" 4	(3) James J. Mulvey.....	40	8	0	Apoplexy.....	James' Lane.
" 11	(4) John Wilson Tower.....	0	5	15	Heart Disease.....	Elm St.
" 13	Frederic E. Studley.....	0	11	17	Cholera Infantum.....	Duxbury.
" 17	Antone Cadose de Silva....	82	0	0	Accidental Drowning.....	Cohasset harbor.
" 27	George B. Davis	1	0	22	Cholera Infantum.....	Braintree.
Sept. 2	Esther (Johnson) Bates....	95	8	14	Old Age.....	So. Main St.
" 3	Joanna N. (Bates) Collier..	76	3	20	Chronic Gastritis.....	Highland Ave.
" 4	(3) Lizzie A. Rounbeller...	0	0	0	Still born.....	Hull St.
" 9	(3) Agnes M. (Dorherty) Rounbeller.....	24	3	10	Consumption.....	Hull St.
" 12	(1) Maria (de Couceicao) Martin.....	70	0	0	Pneumonia.....	Elm St.
" 15	Dois Rayland Ainslie.....	0	1	8		Rockland.
" 20	(3) Katharine (Murphy) Rooney.....	77	4	0	Paralysis.....	Margin St.
" 30	(3) Michael F. O'Connell...	53	0	0	Peritonitis.....	Spring St.
Oct. 12	Susan Hollis (Smith) Tower	41	2	25	Surgical Shock.....	Watertown.
" 21	Mary S. (Gammons) Ripley	51	0	26		Weymouth.
Nov. 16	Foster Litchfield.....	74	2	0	Pericarditis.....	Church St.
" 21	(5) George S. Munroe.....	55	5	17	Typhoid Fever and Heart Failure.....	Hull St.
" 21	Ezra Brown.....	67	2	0	Cancer of Liver	Doane St.
Dec. 2	Elmer T. Stevens.....	0	10	0	Intussusception.....	Boston.
" 14	Levi L. Creed.....	65	9	4		Gosnold.
" 17	Aurelia M. Smith.....	47	0	0		Templeton.
" 20	(6) Jeremiah McCarty.....	64	0	0	Epithelioma.....	Margin St.
" 23	Caroline A. E. (Pratt) Lincoln.....	65	2	21	Diabetis Millitus.....	Sohier St.
" 27	Mary S. (Robbins) Gammons.....	76	3	9	General Debility.....	So. Main St.
1895.						
Nov. 2	Hattie Jane Higgins.....	21	4	7	Phthisis.....	Margin St.

1. Buried at Scituate.
2. Buried at Ashby.
3. Buried at Hingham.
4. Buried at Duxbury.
5. Buried at Lynnfield Centre.
6. Buried at North Abington.

The above list comprises forty-six names, and includes one that was omitted from the last report and nine who have died in other places who were residents of this town or were brought here for burial.

Of the thirty-six who died in this town, twenty were males and sixteen were females, and their average age was fifty-seven years, three months and seventeen days. Seventeen were born in Cohasset, three in Boston, two in Scituate, one in South Scituate, one in Ashby, one in North Reading, one in Portland, Me., one in Providence, R. I., one in East Dennis, and eight in foreign countries. Five were under five years, none between five and ten, one between ten and twenty, one between twenty and thirty, one between thirty and forty, two between forty and fifty, four between fifty and sixty, five between sixty and seventy, ten between seventy aud eighty, four between eighty and ninety, and three over ninety years of age.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the town of Cohasset herewith present their account of expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1896.

Under this report, the item which seems to call for particular attention is that relating to the construction of the iron bridge over Gulf River. At the annual meeting, March, 1896, the Selectmen recommended the construction of an arched stone bridge over this stream. This recommendation was made after mature deliberation and careful investigation of the matter, and it seemed to them that the construction of such a bridge at this point, at a cost not to exceed $9,000, was for the best interests of the town, not only on account of its permanency, as well as the slight expense needed for its repair, but also on account of the advantage to be gained by the town by the possession of such an artistic and sightly structure; an opportunity of which other towns, less important than ours, would have been glad to avail themselves. Estimates and plans were submitted and much discussion followed, and the matter was continued to a special meeting. The town finally concluded not to accept the recommendation of its Selectmen, and voted to construct an iron bridge instead, the estimates being much less than those for one of stone. Such has been constructed in the best manner possible, under contract with the Boston Bridge Company, complying in all respects with the requirements made by the Selectmen.

The construction of this bridge has necessitated a very considerable outlay for grading the approaches to it for sidewalks, railing, etc., which has brought the total expense very nearly as great as that which would have been required for a stone bridge, a portion of which would not have been needed had one been decided upon.

The Selectmen are still of the opinion that a stone bridge would have been more economical, but, under their instructions

from the Town, have constructed an iron bridge which is as good a piece of work of its kind as could be built. It has had the careful oversight of the Selectmen during the progress of the work, and is amply sufficient for all the demands which may be made upon it for many years to come.

OSGOOD SCHOOL BUILDING.

Another charge which may demand explanation is the expense incurred in painting the Osgood School building. Though no appropriation had been made for this purpose, the Selectmen incurred this expenditure on their own responsibility.

The school building was much in need of immediate attention, and the school committee and members of the building committee called the attention of the Selectmen to the fact of its deterioration, knowing that the longer the matter was delayed, the greater the expense in the end. The Selectmen are satisfied that in this case speedy action was the greatest economy.

REMOVAL OF SNOW.

The heavy storms which occurred at the end of the year 1896 necessitated a greater outlay for removing snow than usual, especially at that time of the year. This was unavoidable, but the comfort of the citizens of our town is a primary object and should always have the first care of its Selectmen.

Some slight increase has been made in other appropriations, but in no case has extravagance been allowed, and only such work has been done as was necessary to meet the end intended by the appropriation.

EXPENDITURES.

Town of Cohasset, for the year ending December 31, 1896, by the Selectmen.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' RELIEF.

Margaret Nott.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		$48 00

Emily N. Phinney.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		$72 00

Willie F. Thayer.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		$38 50

Robert L. Curtis.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		$12 00

Oliver D. Morey.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$65 42	
City of Worcester . . .	21 43	
		$86 85

Mrs. James Rooney and Family.

Paid Caleb Lothrop, Agent, house rent	$37 50	
O. H. Howe, M. D. attendance .	10 75	
Philander Bates, boots . .	3 00	
		$51 25

Isaac H. Tower and Family.

Paid Philander Bates, boots etc. .	$30 23	
Cohasset Clothing Co., . .	13 25	
		$43 48
Total, Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief .		$352 08

STATE AND MILITARY AID.

Paid Harriet J. Apts . . .	$48 00	
Robert L. Curtis . . .	48 00	
Leander W. Groce . . .	60 00	
Reuben S. Gurney . . .	57 00	
Alfred Haskell . . .	48 00	
Warren Newcomb . . .	54 00	
Delia Rooney	48 00	
Willie F. Thayer . . .	54 00	
Eliza J. Litchfield . . .	12 00	
Charles F. Bennett . . .	96 00	
Isaac H. Tower . . .	48 00	
Solomon J. Hayden . . .	30 00	
William F. Harris . . .	36 00	
		$639 00
Amount to be reimbursed by the State		534 00
		$105 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid to order of Fire Engineers .	$778 24

WATER FOR HYDRANTS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, ETC.

Paid Treasurer of Cohasset Water Co.	$1,675 00	
" Hingham " "	150 00	
		$1,825 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Treasurer of Cohasset Electric Co.	$5,000 00

TOWN HALL.

Paid John Farquhar's Sons, repairing roof	$28 02	
Ziba C. Small, setting glass .	2 50	
Treasurer of Cohasset Electric Co.	130 48	
Israel C. Vinal, painting . .	13 37	
Joseph J. Bates, care of hall, town meetings . . .	9 50	
Frank H. Pratt, carpentering .	7 50	
Lincoln Bros., coal and wood .	34 56	
Allen C. Bates, repairs on stoves, etc.	7 58	
Mary Reilly, cleaning . .	4 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., paint, varnish, etc.	25 89	
Tower Bros. & Co., flag and manilla	15 29	
		$278 69

ABATEMENTS.

Paid from tax list of 1892 . .	$14 60	
" " " 1893 . .	18 05	
" " " 1894 . .	17 10	
" " " 1895 . .	2 42	
" " " 1896 . .	217 36	
		$269 53

HIGHWAYS.

Paid Philander Bates, Superintendent of Streets		$7,400 00

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Thomas L. Bates, and others .	$55 75	
William O. Souther, " " .	132 96	
Amount carried forward .	$188 71	

Amount brought forward . . .	$188 71	
Paid Samuel E. Pratt, and others .	155 52	
Caleb F. B. Tilden, " " .	270 90	
Est. Alden Beal, . . .	77 50	
Philander Bates, paid sundry persons	76 66	
Amos E. Tilden, and others, .	186 52	
Almshouse men and team . .	29 75	
Charles F. Tilden, snow plow and repairs	21 90	
		$1,007 46

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Treasurer . . .	$3,360 00	
County Treasurer . . .	3,446 00	
		$6,806 00

SCHOOLS.

Paid Treasurer of School Committee .	$13,500 00

OSGOOD SCHOOL BUILDING.

Paid Howe & French, white lead .	$26 25	
Tower Bros. & Co., stain and oil	51 47	
Israel C. Vinal, painting . .	31 62	
Joseph C. Anderson, painting .	29 00	
Daniel W. Pratt, painting . .	25 00	
William J. Brennock, painting .	18 75	
Antoine Smith, painting . .	9 00	
Asahel F. Nott, painting . .	27 50	
Eugene C. Small, painting .	14 00	
Harry W. Lincoln, painting .	22 50	
George L. Litchfield, painting .	10 00	
		$265 09

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Paid Treasurer Cohasset Public Library	$850 00	
" Nantasket " "	100 00	
		$950 00

HENRY BRYANT POST 98, G. A. R.

Paid William F. Thayer, Quartermaster	$100 00

INSPECTOR OF MEAT, CATTLE AND PROVISIONS.

Paid Caleb F. Nichols, Inspector .	$250 00

PRINTING.

Paid Harry W. Souther, town reports	$208 25	
Harry W. Souther, warrants, etc.	13 25	
Cotton & Gould, tax bills, etc. .	29 15	
Weymouth & Braintree Publishing Co., advertising, etc. .	21 25	
Weymouth & Braintree Publishing Co., voting lists, etc., .	37 75	
Pratt Bros., Assessors' notices .	1 25	
		$310 90

WATERING STREETS.

Paid Hingham Water Co. . .	$215 00	
Estate Alden Beal . . .	300 00	
Caleb F. B. Tilden . . .	200 00	
Charles S. Bates . . .	500 00	
		$1,215 00

STRAITS POND.

Paid Henry E. Brennock, labor .	6 25	
James E. Brennock, labor .	6 25	
Amos E. Tilden, teaming . .	6 50	
George W. Beal, care of gates .	118 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., cement, etc..	8 76	
Charles F. Tilden, iron work .	5 25	
		$151 01

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Philander Bates, services and expenses, Selectman and Assessor	$346 46
Joseph S. Bigelow, services, Selectman and Assessor .	190 00
Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses, Selectman and Assessor	308 86
Abraham H. Tower, Treasurer and Collector . . .	300 00
Harry F. Tilden, town clerk .	75 00
Harry F. Tilden, Clerk of Registrars of Voters . . .	20 00
Charles F. Tilden, Registrar of Voters	20 00
Caleb J. Pratt, Registrar of Voters	20 00
John L. Pratt, Registrar of Voters	20 00
Harry W. Souther, Auditor .	25 00
Edward E. Ellms, election officer	3 50
Spencer H. Stoughton, election officer	3 50
John Roche, election officer .	3 50
Edward E. Wentworth, election officer	3 50
Edward E. Wentworth, services and expenses, constable .	133 50
A. Bradford Litchfield, services and expenses, constable .	170 00
Charles L. Kittrell, services and expenses, constable . .	50 00
Amount carried forward, .	$1,692 82

Amount brought forward, . .	$1,692 82	
Paid John Roche, services and expenses, constable . . .	36 50	
Allen C. Bates, Sealer of Weights and Measures . . .	50 00	
		$1,779 32

SPECIAL POLICE.

Paid William E. Crocker . . .	$732 00	
Manuel S. Enos . . .	784 50	
		$1,516 50

NEW BRIDGE AT GULF RIVER.

Paid Boston Bridge Works, contract	$5,220 00
George Jason, use of derrick and carting	29 00
George Jason, labor . . .	58 50
George L. Davenport, C. E., services	100 00
George E. Antoine, labor . .	46 00
Manuel Grassie, labor . .	136 88
Antoine E. Salvador, labor .	146 62
Thomas Grassie, labor . .	131 13
Joseph D. Hutchinson, stone and labor	28 75
Manuel P. Valine, labor . .	12 00
Joseph Jason, teaming . .	89 10
Joseph Jason, 172 loads gravel, delivered	100 20
John E. Frates, labor . .	4 25
Fred. G. James, labor . .	61 50
Joseph A. Antoine, labor . .	42 00
John Fleming, labor . .	22 00
Charles Wilson, Quincy, curbing	145 92
Amount carried forward .	$6,373 85

Amount brought forward . .	$6,373 85	
Paid Amos E. Tilden, teaming .	39 82	
William Mulvey, gravel and teaming	59 35	
Manuel R. Sylvia, labor . .	63 00	
Manuel Oliveria, labor . .	18 00	
Joseph E. Grassie, labor . .	1 00	
James W. Holland, sand . .	1 50	
Louis T. Cushing, team . .	25 00	
George W. Meady, team . .	30 00	
Estate Edward E. Tower, team .	35 00	
Estate Edward E. Tower, gravel	32 06	
Charles E. Frates, tending lights	5 80	
Charles F. Tilden, iron posts, mending drills, etc. . .	121 12	
Frank H. Pratt, labor on railing	18 75	
Henry E. Brennock, labor on railing	22 50	
Allen C. Bates, lead . . .	3 80	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, cement, etc.	126 46	
Philander Bates, services . .	35 00	
		$7,012 01

FLAG STAFF.

Paid Boston Spar Co., staff delivered	$77 60	
Irving W. Wheeler & Co., flag .	6 75	
Andrew J. Studley, and others, labor	9 00	
Allen C. Bates, lead . . .	58	
Charles F. Tilden, iron work	1 00	
		$94 93

HOOK AND LADDER BUILDING, DOANE STREET.

Paid Spencer H. Stoughton, mason .	$30 75	
A. Bradford Litchfield, painting	9 07	
John J. A. Pratt, carpentering .	55 88	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, paint, etc.	88 16	
Allen C. Bates, ventilator, etc. .	7 08	
		$190 94

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Manuel S. Enos, keeper of lock-up	$10 00	
Frank W. Browne, disinfectants, etc.	3 00	
William E. Crocker, court fees .	5 79	
Edward E. Wentworth " .	47 79	
A. Bradford Litchfield " .	6 95	
Charles L. Kittrell " .	6 26	
Andrew H. Prouty, smelt spawn	10 00	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., return of births	6 00	
Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., return of births . . .	2 25	
Herbert E. Fernald, M. D., return of births . . .	2 00	
George L. Davenport, C. E., survey and plan, Border Street .	60 00	
Caleb F. B. Tilden, team for Constables	40 45	
Caleb F. B. Tilden, team for Town Clerk	7 50	
Caleb F. B. Tilden, team for Registrars	5 00	
Joseph Battles, labor, railing Border Street . . .	10 00	
Amount carried forward .	$222 99	

Amount brought forward . . .	$222 99
Paid E. L. Burdakin, Dedham, copy of deeds	15 00
Manuel Jason, lodging for traveller	1 50
William W. Bates, mowing Common	7 00
Louis T. Cushing, Esq., settlement of suit of C. H. Keyes .	112 50
J. P. Wade, detective . .	34 60
Aaron Pratt, Esq., Pratt's Park	6 93
George R. Howe, bounty for seals	27 00
George F. Higgins, bounty for seals	3 00
Joseph E. Grassie, bounty for seals	3 00
Caleb Lothrop, Agent, Insurance Osgood School House . .	112 50
Charles F. Bennett, special police	2 50
Allen C. Bates, pump, King St.	16 10
" " repairs, etc., pump, Elm Street . . .	40
City of Quincy, use of lock-up .	1 40
Manuel Grassie, gates at Mill Bridge	4 00
Charles F. Tilden, gates at Mill Bridge	4 00
James E. Brennock, gates at Mill bridge	7 00
Henry E. Brennock, gates at Mill bridge	4 00
Frank H. Pratt, gates at Mill bridge	2 00
Oliver H. Howe M. D., vaccination	11 00
Amount carried forward .	$598 42

Amount brought forward . . .	$598 42
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., Board of Health	1 50
Lucian A. Taylor, C. E., Boston, estimate for stone bridge .	32 85
Charles V. Barnes, removing tree	1 50
Nathaniel W. Treat, labor on gate, Sandy Cove . . .	7 25
Edward E. Wentworth, reward .	100 00
J. L. Fairbanks, Boston, blank book	3 00
N. Y., N. H. & H. Railroad Co., freight	23 04
Charles Wilson, Quincy, bound stones	47 50
Charles Wilson, Quincy, paving blocks for fountains .	25 00
William W. Studley, labor cap-sill, Border street . . .	31 50
Charles F. Tilden, bolts, cap-sill Border street . . .	4 70
Frank E. Low, Hingham, damage to sleigh and harness .	10 00
Daniel N. Tower, C. E., surveying	17 25
Daniel B. Francis, repairing Beechwood pump . . .	2 00
Manuel E. Salvador, for Board of Health	4 50
Abraham A. Valine, for Board of Health	5 00
Amos E. Tilden, team for Constables	11 50
Amount carried forward .	$926 51

Amount brought forward . .	$926 51	
Paid Amos E. Tilden, team for Selectmen	9 40	
Amos E. Tilden, team for Assessors	11 00	
William T. Tilden, labor on booths	4 00	
Harry F. Tilden, recording births	20 50	
Harry F. Tilden recording marriages	4 35	
Harry F. Tilden, recording deaths	6 50	
Harry F. Tilden, paid expressing, postage, etc. . . .	10 40	
Joseph St. John, postage and envelopes	18 28	
Tower Bros. & Co., paint, bridge at Cove	10 33	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, etc.	5 84	
Joseph S. Bigelow, services Board of Health . . .	10 00	
Philander Bates, services Board of Health	11 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, services Board of Health . . .	10 00	
Philander Bates, town boundaries	13 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, "	6 00	
Warren F. Snow, return of deaths	6 50	
Luther J. Bates, distributing reports	6 00	
Samuel D. Tower, painting signs	4 35	
Charles F. Tilden, fence, Common	6 10	
		$1,100 06

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN,

December 31, 1896.

OSGOOD SCHOOLHOUSE DEBT.

Cohasset Savings Bank, 6 time notes, . . .	$18,000 00

FUNDED DEBT OF 1893.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 7 time notes .	23,800 00
Cohasset Savings Bank	25,500 00
" " " for bridge. . . .	7,000 00
Interest bearing debt . . .	$74,300 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

December 31, 1896.

Due from State for State and military aid	$534 00	
State, Bank and Corporation taxes	5,018 55	
Mendoca Estate . .	115 00	
Enos Estate . . .	620 00	
Lyons Estate . . .	338 68	
City of Boston . . .	167 71	
City of Cambridge . .	289 80	
Town of Hingham . .	104 85	
Town of Holliston . .	33 50	
Charles H. Willard . .	63 14	
William H. Mulvey . .	18 00	
J. James Mulvey . .	69 50	
Balance in treasury	9,429 92	
	$16,802 65	
Total debt of the Town		$74,300 00
Deduct assets		16,802 65
Actual debt, December 31, 1896 . .		$57,497 35

RECAPITULATION.—1896.

ITEMS.	Orders Drawn.	Credits.	Net Expenditures.	Appropriations.	With no Appropriations.	Excess of Appropriations.	Less than Appropriations.
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	$352 08	.....	$352 08	$500 00	.....	.....	$147 92
State and Military Aid	639 00	$534 00	105 00	200 00	.....	.....	95 00
Fire Department	778 24	.....	778 24	650 00	.....	$128 24	.....
Water for Hydrants, etc.	1,825 00	.....	1,825 00	1,950 00	.....	.....	125 00
Street Lights	5,000 00	.....	5,000 00	5,000 00	.....	.....	.....
Town Hall	278 69	.....	278 69	200 00	.....	78 69	.....
Abatements	269 53	.....	269 53	.....	$269 53	.....	.....
Repairs of Highways	7,400 00	.....	7,400 00	8,000 00	.....	.....	600 00
Removing Snow	1,007 46	.....	1,007 46	500 00	.....	507 46	.....
State and County Taxes	6,806 00	.....	6,806 00	6,806 00	.....	.....	.....
Support of Schools	13,500 00	.....	13,500 00	13,000 00	.....	500 00	.....
Osgood School Building	265 09	.....	265 09	.....	265 09	.....	.....
Public Libraries	950 00	.....	950 00	950 00	.....	.....	.....
Henry Bryant Post, G. A. R.	100 00	.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....
Inspection of Cattle and Provisions.	250 00	.....	250 00	250 00	.....	.....	.....
Printing	310 90	.....	310 90	250 00	.....	60 90	.....
Watering Streets	1,215 00	.....	1,215 00	1,200 00	.....	15 00	.....
Straits Pond	151 01	.....	151 01	150 00	.....	1 01	.....
Town Officers	1,779 32	.....	1,779 32	1,700 00	.....	79 32	.....
Special Police	1,516 50	.....	1,516 50	1,500 00	.....	16 50	.....
Gulf River Bridge	7,012 01	.....	7,012 01	.....	7,012 01	.....	.....
Incidentals	1,100 06	.....	1,100 06	1,000 00	.....	100 06	.....
Flagstaff	94 93	.....	94 93	125 00	.....	.....	30 07
Beechwood Hook and Ladder House	190 94	.....	190 94	100 00	.....	90 94	.....
Support and Relief of Poor	8,696 14	1,847 90	6,848 24	5,000 00	.....	1,848 24	.....
Totals	$61,487 90	$2,381 90	$59,106 00	$49,131 00	$7,546 63	$3,426 36	$997 99

ESTIMATES.

Amounts estimated by the Selectmen to be required to meet the expenses of the town for the year 1897 :—

For Payment of Debt	$6,400 00
Payment of Interest	3,000 00
Support of Schools	13,500 00
Support and Relief of the Poor	6,000 00
Highways and Sidewalks	8,000 00
Electric Lights	5,000 00
Water for Hydrants, etc.	2,000 00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	400 00
Town Officers	1,700 00
Watering Streets	1,200 00
Special Police	1,500 00
Fire Department	650 00
Removing Snow	750 00
Public Library	850 00
Henry Bryant Post, 98, G. A. R.	100 00
Printing	250 00
Straits Pond	150 00
Military Aid	150 00
Inspection of Cattle and Provisions	250 00
Town Hall	250 00
Incidentals	1,000 00
On Account New Bridge	1,000 00
	$54,100 00

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Valuation of real estate, 1895	$2,602,905 00
" personal estate, 1895	1,557,588 00
Total valuation, 1895	$4,160,493 00

Valuation of real estate, 1896 .	$2,654,590 00
" personal estate, 1896 .	1,930,685 00
Total valuation, 1896 . .	$4,585,275 00
Increase of real estate, 1896 . .	$51,685 00
" of personal estate, 1896 .	373,097 00
Total increase, 1896 .	$424,782 00
Number of Polls, 1896 . . .	648
State Tax	$3,360 00
County Tax	3,446 00
Town Grant	38,725 00
Overlayings	243 40
Total tax assessed	45,774 40
Tax rate, per $1,000 . . .	9 70
Number of dwellings assessed, 1896 .	620
" acres " " .	5,933
" persons " " .	1,040
" persons " on property	768
Number of persons assessed on polls only	272
Number of horses	411
" cows	254
" sheep	2
" neat cattle . . .	45
" swine	23
" bicycles	93

LIST OF JURORS.

Drawn During the Year 1896.

February,	George O. Higgins,	Supreme Judicial Court.
March,	J. Loring Litchfield,	Grand Juror.
	Oliver H. Bates,	Superior Court.

April,	Arthur Burnham,	Superior Court.
September,	Thomas F. Kinsley,	" "
	Levi L. Worrick,	" "
December,	Thomas Lincoln,	" "
	George Jason,	" "

LIST OF JURORS.

Submitted to the Town by the Selectmen for its acceptance or revision, at the annual meeting to be held March 1, 1897.

Edwin Bates,
Charles F. Bennett.
Arthur S. Bates,
Harry C. Bates,
Isaac W. Beal,
Franklin Beal,
Henry E. Brennock,
Robert L. Curtis,
B. Preston Clark,
George L. Davenport,
Thomas W. Doyle,
Wentworth J. Earl,
William Faxon, Jr.,
John E. F. Frates,
Joseph E. Grassie,
John W. Hunt,
David Hamblin,
Charles H. Hackett,
Frederic G. James,
George W. Kimball,
Frederic L. Lincoln,
Henry L. McMahon,
Arthur Mulvey,
John J. A. Pratt,
George W. Pratt,
C. James Pratt,
John L. Pratt,
John Roche,
Thomas A. Rich,
George D. Silsbee,
Israel N. Small,
Franklin Stoddard,
Willie F. Thayer,
Warren L. Tower,
Thomas A. Tower,
Israel C. Vinal,
Manuel P. Valine,
Frank W. Wheelwright,
Alexander Williams, Jr,,
Otis S. Wilbur.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

No especial matter requiring mention has come before the Board during the past year.

The improvement in the condition of James' Brook, since it was cleaned out, continues, and the partial compliance with the request of the Board that no sewage be allowed to escape into it, has greatly tended to bring about this result. Great care should be exercised by the abutters in this matter, and they should do all in their power to assist the Board in keeping this brook sweet and clean.

The Board would call your attention to its Rules and Regulations published in the Town Report of last year, and ask for a hearty compliance with the same.

The Selectmen, as the Board of Health, report the following cases of contagious diseases as having existed in the town during the year 1896, viz :—

Diphtheria	3
Scarlet Fever	3
Typhoid Fever	1
Measles	7
Total	14 cases.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES,
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

Cohasset, December 31, 1896.

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

The Overseers of the Poor in making their report for the year 1896 had hoped to have been able to show a decrease in the amount expended for outside aid. They are the viciims of circum-tances in that they are unable to do so. Disease or inability to earn a livlihood, among some of our citizens has necessitated large outlays, and has called upon the overseers for increase of aid of all kinds as well as for greater care and attention.

ALMSHOUSE.

The Overseers would call your attention to the insufficient accommodations afforded by the Almshouse, and the need for a more modern building, better adapted to the purpose for which it is to be used.

The State Inspectors report of visitation at our Almshouse, April 23d, 1896, is as follows: "This Almshouse, which is an old irregular building and poorly arranged for its present use, was found clean and the inmates very comfortable. There has been a great improvement here within the last three years. The bath-room which, owing to its location, can be used only in the summer, should be changed and provided with hot and cold water."

TRAMP HOUSE.

The Tramp House has fully justified its construction and has given lodging to 1,066 houseless wanderers during the year. When one considers the strain to which the old lockup under the Town Hall would have been put, to take care of such a number of outcasts, he will accept the new Tramp House as a boon.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid George W. Tinkham, Superintendent, salary . . .	$600 00
George W. Tinkham, sundry bills paid by him . . .	32 83
George O. Higgins & Son, groceries	100 22
Herbert L. Brown, groceries .	35 14
Joseph St. John, groceries .	93 06
M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries .	142 71
Gross & Nichols, groceries .	153 34
Caleb F. Nichols, groceries .	25 52
George W. Mealy, meat . .	13 26
William F. Thayer & Son, meat	87 86
George K. Nickerson, meat .	103 42
Frank E. Winslow, meat . .	81 35
Danforth P. Sylvester, fish .	63 24
Andrew H. Prouty, fish . .	11 05
Harry W. White, fish . .	2 00
Joseph E. Grassie, fish . .	12 14
Manuel E. Salvador, lobsters .	3 00
Samuel G. James, beef . .	7 50
Samuel G. James, use of stock .	4 00
Elmer E. Bates, beef . .	1 62
William Cutler, bread . .	21 64
Edwin G. Stewart, poultry .	10 25
Caleb F. B. Tilden, grain . .	230 70
Caleb F. B. Tilden, pigs . .	19 00
Frank W. Browne, medicine .	71 80
Philander Bates, boots, shoes, etc.	30 23
Cohasset Clothing Co. . .	36 85
Massachusetts Ploughman . .	2 00
Henry W. Souther, Boston Globe	6 00
Amount carried forward .	$2,001 73

Amount brought forward . . .	$2,001 73
Knight & Thomas, fire extinguisher.	15 00
Warren F. Snow, undertaker .	50 00
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., attendance	10 25
Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance	60 00
Central Cemetery Association, digging graves . . .	10 00
Lincoln Bros., coal . . .	79 12
Allen C. Bates, tinware, etc., .	35 80
William O. Souther, ice . .	21 60
Amos E. Tilden, barge for Overseers of Poor . . .	24 00
Charles F. Tilden, smithing .	63 53
Thomas Roche, smithing . .	2 50
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, paint, groceries, etc. . .	163 06
Frances H. Nichols, dry goods .	64 75
William White, cutting wood .	8 25
Harry White, cutting wood .	8 63
Joseph F. Sylvia, cutting wood .	18 00
Joseph Battles, repairing saws .	1 50
Mr. Merritt, repairing saws .	1 80
Joseph Breck & Sons, seeds .	6 00
Jordan, Marsh & Co., dry goods	4 50
A. Bradford Litchfield, phosphate	2 00
Mass. Boot & Shoe Co. . .	2 50
Mr. Sampson, repairs on pump .	2 00
Blanche G. Tinkham, Agent, tea	6 00
Cobb, Aldrich & Co., groceries .	6 00
Edward E. Tower, gravel . .	4 00
Miss L. A. Smith, millinery .	0 87
William H. H. Hancock, clock .	1 00
Amount carried forward .	$2,674 39

Amount brought forward .	$2,674 39	
Paid Thomas W. Whitcomb, butchering	6 90	
Cyrus R. Keene, trees . .	9 10	
Bay State Nursery, trees . .	5 00	
Cohasset greenhouses, plants .	3 00	
Seaverns & Spear, No. Scituate bedding	4 00	
J. A. Torrey, soap . . .	2 50	
L. Belcher, cow . . .	20 00	
James W. Nichols, pasture .	30 00	
William H. Beal, repairing harnesses	14 24	
Cash to inmates . . .	4 00	
Philander Bates, services . .	30 00	
Joseph S. Bigelow, services .	25 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, services .	25 00	
		$2,853 13

AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM SALES AND INCOME.

Received from A. H. Tower, trustee for John J. Lothrop . .	$148 54
Solomon J. Hayden, military aid	30 00
Elmer E. Bates, milk . .	155 72
W. H. Torrey, poultry . .	41 18
A. S. Howe, cow . . .	20 00
William S. Bryant, stove . .	10 00
George M. Ennice, wood . .	9 00
Otis V. Barnes, teaming . .	3 00
Samuel G. James, teaming	2 50
Robert T. Burbank, teaming .	2 00
Samuel L. Williams, teaming	75
William V. Creed, turnips . .	50
Antoine Sidney, turnips .	1 00
Amount carried forward .	$424 19

Amount brought forward . . .	$424 19	
Received for wood, William Dean .	5 00	
Removing snow . . .	29 75	
George O. Higgins & Son. .	1 50	
Frank E. Winslow . . .	25 02	
Board of 1,066 tramps . .	426 40	
Manuel Sylvia, 2d, interest .	12 90	
Manuel Sylvia, 2d, on account of mortgage	100 00	
Gross & Nichols, eggs, etc. .	3 94	
		$1,028 70
Almshouse debit brought forward	$2,853 13	
Almshouse credit brought forward	1,028 70	
Almshouse debit, net . .		$1,824 43

The following persons have been inmates during the full year 1896:

Elizabeth Hudson, William C. Hayden,
Jane B. Lambert, John L. Morey,
Jennie Sterling, Hester Harris,
John J. Lothrop, boarder.

The following persons have been inmates of the Almshouse a portion of the year:

William F. Harris, Augusta Sylvia,
Edgar Harris, Solomon J. Hayden,
Nathaniel R. Prouty

ASSISTANCE RENDERED OUTSIDE THE ALMHOUSE.

In Hospitals.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital :—		
James C. White . . .	$169 92	
Joanna Colbrith . . .	169 92	
Lawrence E. Willard . .	63 14	
Paid Worcester Insane Asylum :—		
Elizabeth J. Dady . . .	169 92	
Julia Macomber . . .	169 94	
Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts :—		
George B. Williams . . .	146 40	
		$889 24

Southward Pratt.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$80 00	
Caleb Lothrop, Agent, house rent	44 00	
Mrs. Roxanna Creed, board .	16 25	
		$140 25

Mrs. Sabra W. Clark.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$108 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . . .	7 00	
Herbert E. Fernald, M.D., attendance	6 00	
Frank W. Browne, medicine .	1 10	
		$122 10

Mrs. Mary Martin.

Paid John J. Fareira, house rent .	$30 00	
Manuel S. Leonard, milk . .	19 78	
Bourne & Nickerson, meat .	18 58	
Oliver H. Howe, M.D., attendance	2 00	
Herbert E. Fernald, M.D., attendance	12 00	
Frank W. Brown, medicine .	50	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal . .	2 00	
		$84 86

Mary McGrath aud family.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$60 00	
Philander Bates, boots . .	12 85	
Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance	26 50	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., attendance	75	
Frank W. Browne, medicine .	1 42	
		$101 52

Emma Barnes and family.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$60 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . . .	14 25	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal . .	4 25	
Philander Bates, boots . .	12 10	
Cohasset Clothing Co. . .	5 00	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., attendance	9 25	
		$104 85

Joseph J. Sylvia and family.

Paid Town of Danvers . . .	2 00	
Orders on Town Treasurer . .	56 00	
		$58 00

Thomas Donovan and family.

Paid City of Boston		$29 23

John J. Ainslie and family.

Paid Maggie Thompson, nursing .	$76 00	
Herbert E. Fernald, M. D., attendance	83 00	
		$159 00

Mrs. Charles H. Litchfield.

Paid Oliver H. Howe, M. D., attendance		$15 50

Joseph E. Smith and family.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries .	$139 81	
Lot W. Bates, house rent . .	40 00	
Philander Bates, boots . .	2 75	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal, . .	10 75	
Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance	4 00	
Frank W. Browne, medicine .	0 65	
		$197 96

Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Burbank and child.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries .	$131 81	
Lot W. Bates, house rent . .	40 00	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., attendance	45 75	
Lincoln Bros., coal . . .	16 39	
Edwin Bates, wood . . .	20 75	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal . .	11 50	
George K. Nickerson, meat .	26 31	
Samuel E. Pratt, milk . .	12 00	
Order on Town Treasurer . .	20 00	
Philander Bates, shoes . .	8 51	
		$333 02

Mrs. Henry L. Morris.

Paid John J. A. Pratt, Agent, house rent	$20 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . . .	32 23	
Edwin Bates, wood . . .	10 50	
Charles H. Hackett, wood . .	2 50	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., attendance	4 00	
		$60 23

Family of Henry L. Bates.

Paid Town of Rockland, supplies .	$50 75
John W. Frates, moving furniture	5 00
Town of Weymouth . . .	5 00
Amount carried forward .	$60 75

Amount brought forward . . .	$60 75	
Jotham Salisbury, Weymouth, rent	88 00	
Ellen A. Pratt, Weymouth, groceries	80 10	
J. K. Bean, Weymouth, groceries	122 86	
T. H. Emerson, Weymouth, coal and wood	43 66	
Philander Bates, boots . .	21 83	
Cohasset Clothing Co. . .	3 50	
Frances H. Nichols, dry goods .	10 00	
		$430 70

William H. Litchfield and family.

Paid Seaverns & Spear, No. Scituate, groceries	71 56	
Stoddard & Damon, No. Scituate, groceries	86 65	
Philander Bates, boots . .	11 88	
Cohasset Clothing Co. . .	5 25	
Lincoln Bros., wood and coal .	55 47	
Thomas Ward, meat . . .	3 50	
Miss L. A. Smith, millinery .	3 00	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., attendance	3 00	
		$240 31

Rose Andrews and Mary J. Violante.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries .	$104 00

Mrs. Mary Desmond.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$60 00

Carrie A. Litchfield.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer for child	$40 00

Caleb S. Beal and wife.

Paid orders on Town Treasuier . .	$48 00

Rebecca Litchfield.

Paid Thomas W. Whitcomb, house rent	$24 00	
Thomas W. Whitcomb, wood .	3 50	
Herbert L. Brown, groceries .	13 33	
Lincoln Bros., coal . . .	8 05	
		$48 88

Albert V. Barnes.

Paid Estate B. F. Evans, for burial .	$20 00

Mrs. Dennis J. White.

Paid Herbert E. Fernald, M. D., attendance	$8 50	
Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance	25 00	
		$33 50

Three children of Anthony Anderson

Paid Mrs. Marianna Anderson, board	$180 00

Mrs. Rose A. Burgess.

Paid Town of Sandwich . . .	$209 92

Frank W. Lane and family.

Paid Daniel J. Bates, house rent .	$20 00	
Herbert L. Brown, groceries .	36 21	
Lincoln Bros., coal . . .	7 50	
		$63 71

Edgar D. Harris.

Paid Mrs. Hannah M. James, board.	$63 25	
Philander Bates, boots . .	2 63	
Cohasset Clothing Co. . .	3 50	
		$69 38

William J. McMinneman and family.

Paid George O. Higgins & Son, groceries, etc. . . .	$126 97	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal, wood, etc.	44 85	
Chas. H. Willard, Agent, house rent	80 02	
Philander Bates, boots . .	16 10	
Wm. H. Hervey, balance on stove	3 36	
Herbert E. Fernald, M. D., attendance	15 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . . .	3 50	
		$289 80

William Dean and family.

Paid Joseph St. John, groceries .	$228 46	
Lincoln Bros., coal and wood	39 70	
Almshouse, wood . . .	5 00	
Charles A. Studley, house rent .	56 00	
Frank E. Winslow, meat . .	93 36	
Lot W. Bates, house rent . .	7 50	
Herbert E. Fernald, M.D., attendance	240 18	
N. W. Emerson, M.D., attendance	15 00	
Oliver H. Howe, M.D., attendance	17 50	
Frank W. Browne, medicine .	15 15	
Oscar Anderson, nursing . .	60 00	
Edwin B. Studley, nursing .	54 00	
Mrs. Edwin B. Studley, washing	32 98	
Mrs. Mary Mannix, washing .	37 50	
Philander Bates, boots . .	10 55	
Amos E. Tilden, moving furniture, etc.	11 50	
Peter D. Peterson, milk . .	2 66	
		$927 04

Mrs. Mary M. Estes.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		$32 00

Antoine Vargus, Jr., and family.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries .	$148 17	
William F. Thayer & Son, meat	33 42	
Lincoln Bros., coal . . .	46 91	
Geo. L. Newcomb, M.D., attendance	15 00	
Charles B. Bridgham, M.D., attendance	15 50	
Charles W. Sparrell, undertaker	20 00	
A. Bradford Litchfield, burial .	3 00	
Cohasset Clothing Co. . .	4 00	
Philander Bates, boots . .	6 25	
Frank W. Brown, medicine .	3 95	
Charles H. Hackett, wood . .	5 00	
		$301 20

Manuel Bandura.

Paid Herbert E. Fernald, M. D., attendance	$25 50	
Joseph St. John, groceries .	27 82	
William F. Thayer & Son, meat	6 84	
Cohasset Clothing Co. . .	1 00	
		$61 16

Mrs. Manuel F. Bandura.

Paid Herbert E. Fernald, M. D., attendance	6 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal . .	8 87	
Mary Fleming, house rent . .	7 00	
		$21 87

Joseph T. Sheridan.

Paid County of Norfolk, truant school		$78 28

Amiel Studley and wife.

Paid Charles H. Willard, house rent .	$7 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . . .	5 31	
		$12 31

Thomas Roche and family.

Paid Lincoln Bros., coal and wood .		$9 75

Frank J. Pratt.

Paid City of Boston . . .		$9 03

Sundry payments.

Paid Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., for Edith Taylor . . .	$23 00	
Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., for Caroline Sylvia . . .	69 00	
Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., for Mrs. Frank Antoine . .	3 00	
Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., for Mrs. William H. Mulvey .	18 00	
Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., for George L. Litchfield . .	1 00	
		$114 00

Overseers' Services.

Paid Philander Bates, services and expenses	$66 30	
Joseph S. Bigelow, services .	25 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses	41 11	
Amos E. Tilden, barge . .	10 00	
		$142 41
Total amount of outside payments		$5,843 01

Outside Credits.

Due from City of Boston . . .	$167 71
City of Cambridge . .	289 80
Town of Hingham . .	104 85
Town of Holliston . .	33 50
Charles H. Willard . .	63 14
William H. Mulvey . .	18 00

John Burbank, on account of support of child . .	65 00	
Joseph S. Enos, interest .	37 20	
Other credits . . .	40 00	
		$819 20
Outside assistance, debit .	$5,843 01	
Outside assistance, credit .	819 20	
Outside assistance, net .		$5,023 81

Summary—Overseers of the Poor Account.

Almshouse balance	$1,824 43	
Outside balance	5,023 81	
Total cost of poor . . .		$6,848 24

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES,
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
Overseers of the Poor.

Cohasset, December 31, 1896.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Board of Selectmen:—

Gentlemen,—In submitting my report of expenditures upon our highways for 1896, it is with pleasure I call attention to the great advantage of having road material prepared in advance of the season. It enabled us to repair the roads more quickly and bring them into good condition earlier in the season than in former years, covering a larger surface than in any year during my experience as Superintendent of Streets. I regret very much our inability to secure the same for the coming season on account of the death of Edward E. Tower, with whom our contract of last year was made. In his death the town lost one of its most public spirited citizens, one who for many years had taken great interest in having our roads put and kept in good condition.

Special repairs have been made on the easterly end of Cedar street by blasting ledges, widening, grading, trenching and filling with stone the low sections, thus making an improvement which has been appreciated by those who drive over our streets for pleasure, as they thus avoid a dangerous railroad crossing. The swamp part of Doane street has been re-graded, railed, and two sections of large drain pipe laid across the road so the water has free course and will not probably again overflow the road. The cost of this work was very much lessened by the public spirit and generosity of Isaiah Lincoln, who voluntarily donated all the material needed for grading from his land adjoining the swamp. The other places where special work has been done are Atlantic avenue, from its junction with Margin street to White Head road; Margin street, near C. F. Tilden's shop; Elm street at its junction with Brook street; South Main street, near residence of George

K. Nickerson; Beach street, near driveway of C. K. Keene; King street, near residence of Arthur S. Bates. The work indicated in last report as needful on the westerly end of Pond street has not been done excepting the carting of stone to widen the road across the meadow and the removal of loose stone, as considerable work was required upon the hills. The work should be done the coming season. I would also recommend the lowering of the hill on Jerusalem road near the residence of William Hanlon by blasting the ledge, using the small stone at the foot of the hill, while the large stone are needed upon Pleasant Beach to protect the road from the encroachment of the tide in storms.

I find it almost impossible to have the work stop at the limit of the appropriation and that some three hundred and fifty dollars is needed to pay the bills to Jan. 1st. This amount can be taken from the appropriation for 1897 which I would recommend be the same as last year viz.; $8,000 for repairs and improvements.

The following is a statement of appropriation and amounts paid sundry persons for labor, teams, gravel, crushed stone, lumber, posts, drain pipe, etc.

Amount of balance as per last report . . .	$ 27 75
" " treasurer as per orders . . .	7,400 00
" " road material paid for in 1895 . .	600 00
	$8,027 75
Amount paid as per report	8,000 00
" balance	$27 75

Paid Samuel V. Hardwick, 1895	.	$14 00
Manuel R. Silvey, "	.	48 00
Samuel Nichols "	.	19 24
Stephen Reilly, "	.	87 00
George W. Ainslaie "	.	6 96
Philander Bates, "	.	150 00
Lot W. Bates, "	.	18 60
Amount carried forward	.	$343 80

Amount brought forward . . .	$343 80
Paid Waldo C. Locke, 1895 . .	3 00
Caleb Lincoln, " . .	25 00
Elmer E. Bates, " . .	19 75
John Beal, " . .	13 75
Louis T. Cushing, " . .	15 00
Alson S. Richardson . .	37 50
Charles L. Kettrell . . .	30 75
Joseph F. Priest . . .	23 63
Thomas Loney . . .	105 62
Edward E. Tower . . .	2,200 00
Fred G. James . . .	141 00
Henry Bates	82 70
Manuel Silva, 3rd . . .	53 00
Joseph Jason	255 63
C. F. B. Tilden . . .	81 00
Otis V. Barnes	262 50
Est. James O'Brien . . .	74 37
George W. Mealy . . .	101 25
William Mulvey . . .	86 25
Manuel E. Brazil . . .	36 50
Henry E. Brennock . . .	5 75
John Burbank	41 50
Manuel R. Silvey . . .	200 00
Thomas W. Whitcomb . .	/17 50
John Roderic	21 50
John Kennedy	44 00
Manuel S. Leonard . . .	208 89
George W. Morse . . .	111 50
N. Y., N. H., and H. R. R. .	60
Turkey Meadow Farm . .	115 00
Amos W. Locke . . .	6 00
Waldo C. Locke . . .	98 36
William W. Bates . . .	10 50
Oren R. Beal	28 00
Amount carried forward .	$4,901 10

Amount brought forward . . .	$4,901 10
Paid Est. Alden Beal . . .	160 50
T. F. A. McCarthy . . .	14 50
John H. Wilbur . . .	102 00
Edwin Bates	23 50
Edwin W. Bates . . .	65 75
Frank W. Wheelwright . .	31 25
Samuel E. Pratt . . .	13 75
Levi Lincoln	13 75
Ellery C. Bates . . .	7 00
Russell Bates	7 00
Lewis L. Wheelwright . .	6 00
S. Chester Pratt . . .	9 00
William A. Taylor . . .	5 50
Abner N. Bates . . .	4 50
Levi Totman	19 11
Alden Bates	1 00
Aaron Pratt	31 70
Franklin Stoddard . . .	114 40
Samuel Stoddard . . .	35 79
Elijah Lincoln	17 50
George F. Sargent . . .	49 68
Isaiah Lincoln	39 01
Oliver H. Bates . . .	16 80
Samuel V. Hardwick . .	45 00
Charles H. Hacket . . .	5 00
Joseph Frates	60 50
Lincoln Bros.	25
Frank Pearson	10 00
Joseph W. Whitcomb . .	37 24
Ira B. Pratt	10 50
William Almeda . . .	4 00
George Arnold	23 00
Horace J. Damon . . .	77 00
Elmer E. Bates . . .	101 25
Allen C. Bates	17 42
Amount carried forward .	$6,081 25

Amount brought forward . . .	$6,081 25	
Paid Gross & Nichols . . .	61 16	
Joseph F. Silva . . .	58 50	
Manuel P. Valine . . .	99 70	
Thomas Keating . . .	2 50	
Samuel F. James . . .	69 12	
Charles E. West . . .	5 75	
Geo. W. Tuckerman . .	5 95	
Ann B. Lothrop . . .	30 50	
Charles J. McCarty . . .	3 00	
Stephen Reilly . . .	190 00	
William A. Taylor . . .	14 50	
Charles Wilson . . .	5 75	
Richard H. Priest . . .	2 25	
Leander W. Groce . . .	1 00	
Arthur Mulvey . . .	134 00	
Thomas A. Bates . . .	10 00	
Amos E. Tilden . . .	224 38	
S. L. Damon	2 00	
A. B. Litchfield . . .	7 00	
John W. Bates . . .	15 00	
Lot W. Bates	25 05	
Frank M. Nichols . . .	30 03	
Tower Bro. & Co. . . .	236 51	
Charles W. Gammon, trustee .	44 52	
Earnest A. Valine . . .	2 00	
William O. Souther . . .	15 00	
Cohasset Water Co. . . .	15 00	
Charles F. Tilden . . .	72 16	
Philander Bates . . .	536 42	
		$8,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES,

Supt. of Streets.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS

OF THE

COHASSET FIRE DEPARTMENT

For the Year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

Cohasset, Mass., Jan. 27, 1897.

To the Selectmen of Cohasset: —

Gentlemen :—In accordance with the requirements of the Public Statutes, the gentlemen appointed by your Board to constitute the Board of Engineers of the Cohasset Fire Department for the year ending April 30th, 1897, met at the house of Zaccheus Rich Hose Co. No. 1, on the evening of May 6th, 1896, and organized by the choice of officers as follows :

Chief, E. E. Wentworth ; Assistant Chief, H. E. Brennock ; 2nd Assistant Chief, A. S. Richardson ; Clerk, H. E. Mapes ; Chas. A. Gross, A. Bradford Litchfield, Wm. E. Crocker.

The past year has been below the average in the number of fires, but those to which the department has been called have been handled with the skill and alacrity displayed in past years, which tends to show that the high standard of the department is being kept up.

With a few exceptions the personel of the department remains the same as last year. We have used the utmost economy in our adminstration of the Department affairs, and have labored dilligently to confine our expenditures within the bounds of the appropriation, but owing to the fact that there are almost always emer-

gencies wherein expenditures are obligatory, we have not succeeded in doing so, mainly on account of the necessity of replacing the running-gear under the hose wagon No. 1, which has been needed for some time, and was fast becoming dangerous to ride upon, the expense of which was taken from the appropriation.

In our last year's report we recommended several additional hydrants being placed in different parts of the town, and as nothing has been done in the matter, we again call it to your attention together with the fact that no additional hydrants have been put in since the plant was established, notwithstanding that several large and valuable buildings have been erected since that time, and we are of the unanimous opinion that early steps should be taken by the town to place additional hydrants as follows, viz :— One in the square, near the station of the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., one on Elm street near the residence of Mr. Louis N. Lincoln, one at the junction of Beach street and Jerusalem road, one in the yard in front of the "Osgood School."

For the necessary running expenses of the Department for the coming year, we recommend an appropriation of $800.00 which includes poll taxes, salaries of stewards, horses to fires and various items of minor importance, but which the efficiency of the Department demands.

Fire Record.

March 11, 1896. Alarm at 7.50 A. M. for fire in the residence of Mr. Cyrus H. Bates, Jerusalem Road. Damaged about $6,000.00.

April 23, 1896. Alarm at 1.30 P. M. for fire on roof of residence of Mr. C. F. Bennett, Elm Street. Damage slight.

June 23, 1896. Alarm at 1.15 A. M. for fire in small house at north end of town, which was beyond the line of water works and was totally destroyed before the department could reach it.

December 6, 1896. Alarm at 8.50 P. M. for fire in barn on Smith avenue, belonging to Mr. W. F. Thayer, which was entirely destroyed, together with an ice house adjoining, belonging to Mr. W. O Souther. Loss $250.00.

Several smaller fires occurred during the year to which the department did not take the apparatus.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

During the year ending December 31, 1896, orders have been drawn by this Board for the payment of bills as follows:—

Engine Company No. 1.

Lincoln Bros., coal and wood	$21 51
C. F. B. Tilden, horses to fires, etc.	27 55
Boston Woven Hose Co., 2 shut-off nozzles	30 00
C. F. Tilden, repairs to iron work	5 20
H. F. Tilden, steward's salary to May 1, 1896	10 00
B. S. Treat, clerk, services of company	10 00
A. C. Bates, hardware, etc.	5 61
H. W. Lincoln, steward's salary to Jan. 1, 1897	20 00
Gross & Nichols, supplies	1 40
A. H. Tower, treasurer, 10 poll taxes	20 00
	$151 27

Zaccheus Rich Hose One.

D. W. Pratt, setting glass	$1 50
S. D. Tower, painting	2 25
Boston Woven Hose Co., 2 shut-off nozzles	30 00
C. F. Tilden, repairs to wagon	19 50
C. F. Tilden, new running gear and labor	71 50
T. A. Rich, clerk, services of company	10 00
A. C. Bates, padlock and labor	1 80
C. F. B. Tilden, horses to fire	5 00
H. E. Brennock, repairing doors	1 00
John J. Ainsley, steward's salary to May 1, 1896	13 33
Gross & Nichols, supplies	3 55
A. L. Morris, steward's salary to Jan. 1, 1896	26 67
Tower Bros. & Co., coal, wood and supplies	12 21
A. E. Tilden, horses to fires, cartage, etc.	39 75
Boston Woven Hose Co., 1 small nozzle	0 50
A. H. Tower, treasurer, 11 poll taxes	22 00
	$260 56

J. Q. A. Lothrop Ladder No. 1.

D. W. Pratt, setting glass	$ 60
C. F. Tilden, repairs to truck	11 00
C. F. B. Tilden, horses to fire	7 50
Joseph Jason, horses to fire	36 50
Boston Woven Hose Co., 1 jack	3 25
J. J. Grassie, clerk, services of company	10 00
A. C. Bates, supplies	60
Lincoln Bros., wood	4 50
J. E. Grassie, services as steward to Jan. 1, 1897	25 00
Gross & Nichols, supplies	2 40
Tower Bros. & Co., coal, wood and supplies	7 49
A. H. Tower, treasurer, 12 poll taxes	24 00
	$132 84

Ladder Two.

S. D. Tower, painting and varnishing (1895)	$26 00
J. W. Bates, horses to fires	8 00
Samuel Stoddard, steward's salary to May 1, 1896	10 00
W. J. Brennock, labor on hats	1 50
A. B. Litchfield, grading around house	3 75
S. H. Mayo Furniture Co., chairs and table	12 25
Edwin Bates, wood	2 65
C. F. Tilden, door latch and plates	3 00
A. H. Tower, Treas., seven poll taxes	14 00
S. Chester Pratt, services as steward to Jan. 1, 1897	12 28
	$93 43

Engineer's Department.

C. F. B. Tilden, horses to fires	$5 00
H. E. Brennock, one badge	1 00
A. H. Tower, Treas., seven poll taxes	14 00
	$20 00

Miscellaneous.

J. E. Grassie, watching fires	$6 00
C. B. F. Tilden, carting hose, etc.	2 40
George Jason, watching fire	3 00
William White, watching fire	2 00
William J. Brennock, watching fire	4 00
H. L. McMahon, watching fire	4 00
Boston Woven Hose Co., one hose repairer	24 50
Boston Woven Hose Co., supplies for mending hose	10 00
H. E. Mapes, clerk, stationery, etc	2 50
H. E. Brennock, small repairs to apparatus	5 25
H. W. Souther, printing	2 00
A. E. Tilden, carting hose, ladders, etc.	13 07
Weymouth & Braintree Pub. Co., advertising	2 00
	$80 72

Recapitulation.

Engine one	$151 27
Hose one	260 56
Ladder one	132 84
Ladder two	93 43
Engineers' department	20 00
Miscellaneous	80 72
Total	$738 82
Amount of appropriation	650 00
Exceeded appropriation	$88 82

Attest: Signed,

H. E. Mapes, *Clerk.* E. E. Wentworth, *Chief.*

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS.

To the Board of Selectmen:—

GENTLEMEN:—In making my report as Inspector of Animals and Provisions for 1896, I deem it advisable in view of the additional duties required by law from year to year, to make a concise statement of what is now placed under the jurisdiction of an Inspector. The principal addition to the work of this year is the inspection of stables in which farm animals are kept, and that those interested may know what are considered essential points in the care and keeping of such animals, I insert in full the blank form of questions to be filled out and returnedto the CattleCommission, viz.:—

Report of an Inspection and Examination of the Premises *in which the animals belonging to Mr..... of Cohasset are kept. Made in accordance with the demands of Sec. 1 of Chap. 496 of the Acts of 1895:—*

Material of building?..... Length of stable?..... Width of stable?..... Width from tie up to wall behind animals?..... Height from floor to ceiling?..... Number of windows and size of sash?..... Is the stable open or closed in front of animals?..... Is the stable well lighted? ..... Is the stable in basement or cellar?..... Is the stable kept clean?..... What is done with the manure?..... Is there a cellar under the barn?..... Is the cellar open or closed?..... Does the air in stable seem good, or is it bad smelling?..... Is the stable warm or cold?..... How is the stock watered?..... If from well, give its location in regard to barn cellar, manure yard, or other source of possible contamination?..... Is soil under building dry or wet? ..... Is it gravel, sand, clay or rock?..... Are the animals in a thrifty or unthrifty condition?..... Is the stock kept well cleaned?.....

....., Inspector.

Cohasset, ..., 189..

Under the requirements of the above Act I have inspected 115 stables, filled out blanks and returned same to the Commission. The general inspection of farm animals for 1896 was finished Dec. 5th, and duplicate forms of inspection for each owner returned to the State Board. The returns show that I have examined 312 cattle and 47 swine, and I have not found an animal that gave an appearance of contagious disease, or seemed in any way unhealthy. I have also made two special inspections during the year, but the animals showed nothing contagious.

At the licensed abattoirs the inspection of animals killed has been promptly attended, the number this year killed and examined being 165, and one upon the owner's premises. Without exception the carcasses examined were sound, healthy, and in good condition.

The provisions, fruit and vegetables offered for sale have been of extra quality and without fault, much of the latter being furnished daily from the local farms, and from their fine appearance and marked excellence show that care is taken to produce only the best.

Respectfully,

CALEB F. NICHOLS, *Inspector.*

REPORT

OF

THE TOWN TREASURER.

TOGETHER WITH

The Reports of the Librarian and Treasurer of the Free Public Library

AND THE

Report of the Auditor.

Dr. TOWN OF COHASSET, in account

1896–1897.

To paid Selectmen's orders for current year . .	$40,233 37
Appropriation for support of schools . .	13,500 00
Additional items for same account . .	297 05
State and military aid	639 00
Abatements for assessors	269 53
Commonwealth of Massachusetts tax, 1896	3,400 00
County of Norfolk tax, 1896 . . .	3,446 00
State Treasurer, one-fourth part liquor license, 6th class	0 25
Cohasset Savings Bank, demand note, 1895	6,000 00
" " " hired money, 1896	1,000 00
Hingham National " " " "	34,000 00
Osgood school house, note due, 1896 . .	3,000 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, note due, 1896	3,400 00
Interest on town notes, 1896 . . .	3,767 77
Balance in treasury, carried forward . . .	9,429 92
	$122,382 89

Cohasset, January, 1897.

with ABRAHAM H. TOWER, Treasurer. Cr.

1896–1897.

By balance in treasury, from former account . .	5,254 31
Received Corporation tax, 1895 (additional) .	169 44
Corporation tax, 1896	10,247 49
National Bank tax, 1896	2,147 94
State and military aid, 1896	540 00
Burial of State pauper	10 00
Norfolk county dog licenses, 1895 . . .	254 10
" " (refunded), bounty seals' tails, 1895-1896	39 00
City of Boston, account	67 46
City of Cambridge "	58 18
Town of Hingham "	81 05
Joseph J. Bates, income Town Hall . . .	61 00
Lincoln & Pratt, auctioneers' licenses . .	3 00
Nickerson, Thayer & Winslow, slaughter license	3 00
Frank W. Browne, 6th class liquor license .	1 00
H. Edelstein, hawker's license	8 00
East Norfolk District Court, fines, fees, etc. .	29 67
Manuel Sylvia, 2d (Mendoca estate), account note	100 00
Manuel Sylvia, 2d, interest on note . . .	12 90
Jos. S. Enos, interest on note	37 20
Interest on bank deposits and delinquent taxes .	344 14
" Ripley fund, 1896	42 95
Chas. J. McCarthy, poll tax, 1895 . . .	2 00
A. H. Tower, trustee, for board of J. J. Lothrop	148 54
Solomon J. Hayden, for board at almshouse .	30 00
John Burbank, for support of child . . .	65 00
Sundry persons, for almshouse sales . . .	310 86
Chas. A. Welch, for paving blocks . . .	1 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money, 1896 .	22,500 00
Hingham National " " " " .	34,000 00
Assessor's tax list, 1896	45,814 10
	$122,382 89

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, *Treasurer.*

COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY in account with A. H. TOWER, Treasurer.

Dr.

1896—1897.	
To balance from former account	$27 47
D. Appleton & Co., balance Cyclopedia subscription	28 00
Damrell & Upham, books	35 27
Estes & Lauriat, books, etc.	77 60
Wllliam H. Guild & Co., periodicals	12 95
T. J. Barnard & Co., binding	37 70
H. W. Souther, printing cards	4 75
C. F. B. Tilden, freight and express	87
Allen C. Bates, repairs	6 40
Coal and wood, bills	80 34
Electric lights, bills,	60 00
Expenditures by librarian	4 41
Damrell & Upham, books add'l.	85 00
Lot W. Bates, janitor	75 00
Sarah B. Collier, librarian	350 00
Balance to credit new account	10 02
	$895 78

Cr.

1896—1897.	
By appropriation by town, 1896	$850 00
Ladies Charitable Society, rent	25 00
Librarian's receipts for fines and cards	20 78
	$895 78

JANUARY, 1897.

A. H. TOWER, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The library opened every library day with the exception of three holidays.

The number of books and magazines issued was 7,669; the largest delivery being on February 15th of 126, and the smallest on April 30th of 14.

Number of books added the past year; by donation, 24; by purchase, 15; by binding magazines 38. Entire number in the library 5,582.

Classification of reading the past year:—

History and Biography	349
Travels and Geography	203
Fiction	5,867
Literature and Poetry	136
Science and Art	38
Agriculture	34
Religion	18
Magazines	1,024
	7,669

There has been a recent purchase of books that will not arrive soon enough to go in this report.

SARAH B. COLLIER, *Librarian.*

COHASSET, Jan. 1897.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Superintendent of Streets, Treasurer of the Public Library, Board of Engineers, and Treasurer of School Committee, and have found them correctly cast, and with the proper vouchers and warrants.

The receipts and expenditures for the year 1896 were as follows :—

Balance in Treasury from 1895 .	$5,254 31	
Sundry receipts per Treas. acct. .	14,814 48	
Hired money, 1896	56,500 00	
Tax list, 1896	45,814 10	
		$122,382 89
Amount of Selectmen's orders . .	$61,487 90	
Treasurer's payment of notes, etc. .	12,697 30	
Treasurer's payment of hired money .	35,000 00	
Interest on Town's notes . . .	3,767 77	
Balance in Treasury . . .	9,429 92	
		$122,382 89

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY W. SOUTHER, *Auditor.*

COHASSET, Jan. 30th, 1897.

REPORT

OF

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR 1896.

The School Committee hereby submit to the citizens of the Town their Annual Report, to which is added the Report of the Superintendent of Schools, the Supervisors of Music and Drawing, and the Financial Report of the Treasurer of the Board.

The Committee are pleased to report that the schools are being conducted without friction and are accomplishing good results. The addition of one teacher to the teaching force in the Grammar grades of the Osgood School has relieved the overcrowding of the rooms and enabled teachers and scholars to do better work than before.

The changes in the teaching force of the schools during the past year have been as follows:—Mr. Albert E. Bradford, who for eight years, had occupied the position of Supervisor of Music, resigned in June in order to give more time to the schools of Everett, in which city he also had charge of the music. At the time, however, that this resignation was given Mr. Bradford was suffering from an illness which prevented his renewing his work in the fall and ended his life about the first of November. The results which he obtained in music in our schools have been and will be of great value to the town. It is a great pleasure for the Committee to be able to testify to their appreciation of his worth as a teacher and a man.

The vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Bradford has been filled by the appointment of Miss Lizzie C. Bates as Supervisor of Music. Miss Bates has already had twenty-five years of experience as teacher in our schools, during which time she has made instruction in music her specialty.

Miss M. L. Merchant, who had charge of the third and fourth Primary grade in the Osgood School, resigned during the summer

vacation to take a better position in the City of Everett. Her place has been filled by the appointment of Miss M. E. Clapp.

Shortly after the opening of the fall term Miss Gertrude M. Gleason resigned her position as assistant in the High School for a position in the Brookline High School. Miss Grace L. Clarke was promoted from the seventh grade in the Grammar School to fill the vacancy. Miss Maude Stephens and Miss Helen F. Cooke have been in turn appointed teachers in the seventh Grammar grade to fill Miss Clarke's position, and have in turn resigned. The Committee have engaged Miss Agnes Damon to begin the year as teacher of this grade.

During the summer vacation the Osgood School building was restained and painted. There was no special appropriation for this work which was done at the suggestion of the Selectmen, but it was a judicious outlay of money on their part, and puts the building in excellent condition.

The Committee have now furnished every school in the town with an American flag to be displayed in the school room or from a staff on the school building every day in the year.

The Committee estimate that for the support of schools the coming year there will be required for

Salaries of Superintendent, Teachers and Janitors .	$9,600 00
Conveying	2,000 00
Books and supplies	600 00
Fuel	600 00
Repairs and incidentals	700 00
	$13,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. COLLIER, *Chairman.*
C. LOTHROP, *Secretary.*
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
AMOS A. LAWRENCE.
LOUIS T. CUSHING.
CYRUS H. BATES.

COHASSET, Jan. 1, 1897.

TOWN OF COHASSET in account with THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1896. Paid

Superintendent of Schools, Elmer L. Curtiss .		$700 00

TEACHERS.

Osgood School:		
(High) Mr. C. F. Jacobs, Principal	$1,580 00	
(High) Miss Gertrude M. Gleason, Assistant . . .	337 50	
(High) Miss Annie N. Keene, Assistant	500 00	
(High) Miss Grace Clark, Assistant	150 00	
(High) Miss Helen F. Cooke, Assistant	12 50	
8th grade, Miss Martha P. Bates	450 00	
8th grade, Miss Alice A. Preston	25 00	
8th grade, Miss Ida M. Parsons .	25 00	
7th grade, Miss Grace Clark .	280 00	
7th grade, Miss Helen F. Cooke	68 00	
7th grade, Miss Martha B. Stephens	50 00	
6th grade, Miss Edith M. Barker	400 00	
5th grade, Miss Annie A. Souther	400 00	
4th and 3d grades, Miss Mary L. Merchant	240 00	
4th and 3d grades, Miss Mary E. Clapp	160 00	
2nd grade, Miss Priscilla L. Collier	384 00	
2nd grade, Miss May L. Dolan	10 00	
2nd grade, Miss Emma Nichols	6 00	

Osgood School:		
1st grade, Miss Sarah E. Fox .	400 00	
General Assistant, Miss Myra L. Beal	380 00	
North School, Miss Susannah L. Stoddard	400 00	
Jerusalem School, Miss Annie Fox .	400 00	
Beechwood School, Miss Mary Agnes Stephens	400 00	
King Street School, Miss May E. Towne	400 00	
		$7,458 00

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Mr. A. E. Bradford . . .	$195 00	
Miss Elizabeth C. Bates . . .	120 00	
		$315 00

SPECIAL TEACHER OF DRAWING.

Miss M. Angeline Pearson . .	$300 00

JANITORS.

Osgood School, Lot W. Bates . .	$600 00	
North " Thomas Keefe . .	24 00	
" " Thomas Roche . .	13 00	
Beechwood School, A. B. Litchfield .	40 00	
Jerusalem " Miss Annie Fox .	30 00	
King street " Mrs. Hannah James	30 00	
		$737 00

Cleaning, Etc.

North School, Mrs. Stephen Reilly .	$7 00	
Beechwood School, A. B. Litchfield .	6 00	
King street School, Mrs. Hannah James	7 00	
		$20 00

Fuel.

Osgood School, Tower Bros. & Co. .	$268 87	
" " Lincoln Brothers .	341 85	
North " Tower Bros. & Co. .	15 38	
" " Lincoln Brothers .	27 05	
King street School, Tower Bros. & Co.	7 50	
" " " Lincoln Brothers .	11 00	
Beechwood " Tower Bros. & Co.	22 27	
" " Lincoln Brothers .	30 23	
Jerusalem " Tower Bros. & Co.	11 71	
" " Lincoln Brothers .	22 26	
		$758 12

Repairs and Supplies.

Osgood School, Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Co. . .	$26 35
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, varnish, etc.	115 70
Cohasset Electric Co., lights .	60 00
Brigham Electric Co., repairing lights	2 21
Allen C. Bates, supplies and repairs	45 78
William E. Crocker, carpentering	31 25
Charles F. Tilden, blacksmithing	1 50

Osgood School, Daniel W. Pratt, brushes, etc.	2 60	
Gross & Nichols, oil, etc. .	4 96	
North School, Chandler Adjustable Chair & Desk Co. . . .	81 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber .	5 22	
Thomas Keefe, labor . .	2 00	
Allen C. Bates, supplies and repairs	12 10	
Z. C. Small & Bro., setting glass	1 00	
John Roche, carpentering . .	4 35	
King Street School, H. L. Brown, supplies	3 68	
Fred. G. James, carpentering, etc.	7 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, etc.	5 54	
Beechwood School, A. B. Litchfield, paint, painting and labor .	40 15	
S. H. Stoughton, whitening ceiling	7 50	
Chandler Adjustable Chair & Desk Co.	81 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, varnish, etc.	14 08	
John W. Bates, cleaning vaults .	3 00	
Allen C. Bates, supplies . .	2 15	
H. L. Brown, supplies . .	2 97	
Jerusalem School, D. L. Ripley setting glass	50	
Herbert O. Beal, carpentering .	62	
C. E. West, supplies . .	95	
Allen C. Bates, repairing stove, etc.	6 92	
Miss Annie Fox, repairing lock .	50	
		$572 58

Conveying Pupils.

No. Cohasset Dis't Jerusalem Road Dis't	Franklin Beal,	$400 00	
North End District King Street District	C. F. B. Tilden	205 00	
South End District,	C. F. B. Tilden	320 00	
Beechwood District,	Amos E. Tilden	1,044 37	
			$1,969 37

Miscellaneous.

Joseph J. Bates, expressing . .	$24 35	
Lot W. Bates, truant officer . .	25 00	
Cotton & Gould, printing . .	4 75	
Alfred Mudge & Son, printing .	8 00	
Miss Annie N. Keene, supplies .	2 73	
C. F. B. Tilden, freight and carting .	5 81	
Jos. J. Bates, Town Hall and piano .	12 00	
A. B. Litchfield, truant officer . .	10 00	
W. W. Wade, tuning piano . .	5 00	
H. W. Kibbe, filling diplomas . .	4 00	
C. Lothrop, stationery and postage .	1 94	
Mary R. Cushing, bouquets . .	5 00	
G. D. Damon & Sons, collation .	24 00	
A. E. Tilden, freight and carting .	2 36	
F. H. Nichols, ribbon . . .	3 83	
C. Lothrop, Treasurer and Secretary	75 00	
Frank W. Browne, for Laboratory .	4 07	
Arthur O. Higgins, flag poles, etc., and putting up . . .	24 60	
Cousens & Pratt, flags . . .	20 00	
		$262 44

Books and Stationery, Etc.

The Prang Educational Company .	4 80
Thompson, Brown & Co. . .	16 00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co. . . .	31 72
L. E. Knott Apparatus Company .	10 32

Ginn & Company	92 02	
Edward E. Babb & Co. . . .	7 68	
J. L. Hammett Company . .	257 59	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co. . .	24 87	
The American Book Company . .	211 61	
Willard Small	9 51	
University Publishing Co. . .	18 70	
Silver, Burdett & Co. . . .	31 50	
Leach, Sherwell & Sanborn . .	37 50	
D. C. Heath & Co.	52 51	
D. Appleton & Co.	28 00	
C. E. West	1 02	
Carter, Rice & Co.	2 00	
Miss M. A. Pearson . . .	6 12	
Boston School Supply Co. . .	12 00	
		$855 47

Recapitulation.

Debit.

Superintendent of Schools	$700 00	
Teachers	7,458 00	
Supervisor of Music	315 00	
Special Teacher of Drawing	300 00	
Janitors	737 00	
Cleaning	20 00	
Fuel	758 12	
Repairs and Supplies	572 58	
Conveying Pupils	1,969 37	
Miscellaneous	262 44	
Books and Stationery	855 47	
Balance unexpended	52 07	
		$14,000 05

Credit.

Balance from last year	$99 50	
Amount of School Appropriation	13,500 00	
Amount of Dog Licenses	254 10	
Interest from Ripley School Fund	42 95	
Received from Town of Hingham for Schooling of Children	94 50	
Received for Supplies sold	5 00	
Received for wood sold	4 00	
		$14,000 05

CALEB LOTHROP,

Treasurer of the School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Gentlemen of the Committee:—

I have the honor to present for your consideration my report for 1896.

Statistics of attendance, the graduates from the High School, etc., will be found grouped by themselves in the appendices accompanying this report. These are well worth studying, as they give as nothing else can, many facts of interest and worth, concerning the schools, and furnish a table of comparison whereby the citizens may learn the cost and something of the work done in Cohasset compared with other towns of the State.

In my last report I called attention to the crowded condition of the Osgood School and recommended that another teacher be placed in the building. In January of 1896 this was done so that now, with the single exception of Miss Clapp's room, the building is graded with a single grade to a teacher. Miss Clapp has grades three and four. The new class was placed in the assembly hall of the school. This arrangement in no way injures the hall for exhibition purposes, as the desks and chairs have been mounted on small portable platforms, and can easily be packed away whenever the room is needed for any other purpose.

Our teaching force, including the special teachers, numbers sixteen. Out of the number six teachers have left during the year and new ones have taken their places, or one-third of our teaching force is new.

By the above it will be seen that we are suffering from repeated changes of teachers. Young, ambitious girls come into our schools and teach until they get experience and then go elsewhere. By referring to an appendix to this report, the reason will be

readily seen. Cohasset is not paying its teachers as good salaries as are the towns of similar character throughout the State. The town is well able to pay better prices than half the towns that outbid us; and it is hoped that in the near future a way will be found to increase the school appropriation that we may be able to hold our teachers against our neighbors. One of the worst things that can happen to a school is frequent change in management. Cohasset has been doing for the surrounding towns the best kind of normal school work. She has taken teachers of small experience, given them a school to work off the crudities accompanying nescience, and has turned them over to her sister towns fully equipped. This is generous and a good thing for those towns, but a bad thing for the children of Cohasset. It is a matter for surprise and one upon which we should congratulate ourselves when we remember that our schools have done so well in the past; but we must remember that we have not reached our possibilities in the line of good work, simply because that when our teachers are in the position to do their best, some one else wants them and pays enough to get them.

I have held but five regular teachers' meetings this past year. The subjects considered at those meetings have been School Incentives, School Punishments, Phonics, the Use of the Imagination in Written Work, and one on general subjects. With the small force we have in the town, I have thought it better to do individual work with the teachers, suggesting plans and methods as needed to each in her own special department.

On the whole, I can see a gain in the work that is being done. I can see a marked improvement in the spirit of our pupils, and a decided gain in the subjects of language and history. The reading, too, is on the gain. Our children are fixing the reading habit, not merely learning to read; they are gaining the power to express themselves both in speech and in writing; they are beginning to study the manners, the customs, and the growth and development of our people, and are not simply learning dates and useless names from a text book on history. I wish to place the honor of these things where it belongs, on the teachers of the town, for without them nothing could have been accomplished. I

find that they are more and more ready to take up with new ideas and methods, as they see that the children are actually gaining.

Last September the schools of the town sent an exhibit of drawings to the Hingham Agricultural Society's Annual Fair. The work attracted much attention and caused many complimentary comments. The committee on the School Children's Department awarded the schools a gratuity of ten dollars, as there was no prize offered for exhibits of this nature.

It is the effort of all to make the pupils of Cohasset work for themselves; the teachers are striving to become simply companions and directors; and the more nearly that state is reached by the teacher, the better the character of the work done. In the changes from the old methods of fifty years ago mistakes have been made, and one of the most glaring has been that the teacher has come to do too much work and the pupil too little. While anxious to keep all the good that the past twenty years have brought to us, we are now trying to solve the problem of getting a due share of effort and labor from the children themselves.

The most marked of the economic features of the present day is the gathering of the population in about the large centers. In every line of industry this has been recognized, and changes in methods of business have been made to meet the new conditions. The time was when our people furnished in the home, training for the children in the way of regular, daily work, that rendered hand training at the school needless; and a system of apprenticeship prepared boys for their life labor. Today the schools as of yore are dwelling on the intellectual side of education, but the homes do not furnish, as they did in the past, the needed manual training, and the apprentice system no longer exists. In Cohasset our needs are essentially urban; our boys and girls receive a city training in everything except school education. Graded schools we have and good ones of their kind, but the distinction between a city and a rural school is deeper than mere grading. Rural schools may and often do, as in our case, exist in a city community. An urban school is not one of organization, but is one of kind. A city school should furnish manual training and prepare its pupils for city pursuits. I do not mean by that that our schools should

teach trades, but they should lay the foundation upon which boys and girls may build when preparing for the daily occupations of after life. Our present curriculum is well adapted to train the purely intellectual faculties and to turn our children toward the professions. No good workman can be unless he is a brainy man, for manual labor involves intellectual activity as truly as does mere brain work; development of the brain through the hand and the eye is more certain than through the eye alone. A skilled workman is one who through a regular training, has come to understand the principles on which his work is based and has learned to apply those principles in actual practice. He has taught his hand to be an obedient servant of his brain; he is a thinker and finds for himself new lines of procedure. The unskilled workman is a mere imitator, who may in time by repeated performances of the same act learn to do one thing fairly well; he has no chart, however, by which to guide himself in unknown seas, and he is wholly at loss what method to take when new problems present themselves. It has been our misfortune as a people that we have neglected manual training too long, and our supremacy as workmen is in grave danger; today other countries, in the past ignored by us in the commercial race, are taking our markets from us. For years Sweden, Germany, Holland, France, and Switzerland have had elaborate courses in manual training connected with their school curricula. The educational leaders of the country have long realized our weakness, and are now trying to remedy the matter. Cohasset cannot hope to introduce at once a complete system of manual training, but the plans for the future must include such work. There will be some additional cost but when the problem in its entirety is faced, it will be found possible to carry it out at a much less expense than first thought will set. A course in sewing for the girls can and should be added at once. The cost for this need not be much beyond that of the material used by the pupils.

Several pictures have been given to the schools for the purpose of decorating the school room walls, but the number is small and some of the selections, while good in themselves, have not always been such as are appropriate for the purpose intended. Pictures

of suitable character for school-room decoration are now plenty and cheap, and there is little excuse for Cohasset not being well supplied as are her neighbors. A good picture exerts a silent, constant force, which opens the mind to thoughts that ripen into noble deeds. Works of high art steadily train in the direction of refinement, develop a love for that which is good and beautiful in external surroundings, arouse the purer feelings, and foster noble character. Recognizing this, many of the places surrounding Boston have already decorated their school-rooms with pictures of acknowledged worth. Concord, Quincy, Milton, Brookline, Dedham, and dozens of other places have completed the work. It is not possible for this to be done from the money appropriated for the schools, and it is not desirable. It is by far better that there should be some concerted movement of the people to do the work in a private way. The total sum needed for the work need not be over two hundred or two hundred and fifty dollars. This money spent under a committee's direction would give us pictures of value educationally, and at the same time would supply the schools with beautiful ideals in the way of art works.

In addition to the suggestions made above, I would urge the following: I would recommend that your Committee order me to purchase, as a part of the supplies for the coming year a typewriter for use in instruction in the upper class of the English Department of the High School. This will give an opportunity for practical work in a business line to all who wish it, and will add an important branch to the school curriculum without the need of an addition to the teaching force. I would recommend that I be allowed to formulate plans for more frequent individual promotions. If a boy or girl proves that he or she is able to complete the year's work in less than a year's time and arrangements can be made for their promotion without causing injury to him or his mates, I believe that the steps should be taken to bring about this end. It will be a matter difficult to solve, but I have faith that it can be done.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER L. CURTISS.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

E. P. Collier, Chairman,
Joseph S. Bigelow,
Louis T. Cushing,
Caleb Lothrop, Secretary,
Cyrus H. Bates,
Amos A. Lawrence.

Elmer L. Curtiss, Superintendent of Schools.

School Committee meets the first Monday of each month of the school year, at 7.30 P. M.

SCHOOLS, TEACHERS AND STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	Teachers.	Salary.	Grades.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.	Tardy.
Osgood	C. F. Jacobs	$1,700	High	51.4	47.6	92	180
	Annie M. Keene	500					
	Grace Clark	500					
	Martha P. Bates	500	8	28.	25 6	91	75
	Agnes W. Damon	400	7	35.5	32.5	91	35
	Edith M. Barker	400	6	43.7	38 8	88	54
	Annie A. Souther	400	5	34.6	31.9	92	37
	Mary E. Clapp	400	4 / 3	21.	19.3	92	10
				26.3	23.	87	33
	Priscilla L. Collier	400	2	23 8	19 8	84	59
	Sarah E. Fox	400	1	37.7	30.5	81	93
	Myra L. Beal	380					
Jerusalem	Annie Fox	400		16.3	13.7	84	16
North	Sussannah Stoddard	400		28.1	25.6	91	13
King Street	May E. Towne	400		15.5	14.3	92	4
Beechwood	M. Agnes Stephens	400		27.	23.6	87	78
Drawing	M. A. Pearson	300					
Music	Elizabeth Bates	300					
		$8,380		388.9	346.2	89	687

Children in town, May 1, 1896, between 5 and 15 years of age 375

Children in town, May 1, 1896, between 8 and 14 years of age 208

Whole number of pupils of all ages in the school for the year 449

Number in school over 15 years of age . . . 85

Number under 5 years of age 0

Number in school between 5 and 15 years of age . . 364

Number in school between 8 and 14 years of age . . 228

Average membership of the schools of the town . . 388.9

Average attendance of the schools of the town . . 346.2

Per cent. of attendance 89

AVERAGE MONTHLY PAY OF LADY TEACHERS IN TOWNS WITHIN TWENTY MILES OF BOSTON, THE CITIES EXCLUDED.

(State report used for all the towns except Cohasset and Hingham.)

	Population.	Valuation.	Monthly Avge.
Brookline	12,103	$57,192,150	$67 24
Milton	4,278	18,746,510	59 42
Nahant	880	4,792,353	58 75
Arlington	5,629	7,552,924	58 00
Concord	4,427	3,793,732	57 23
Wellesley	3,600	6,547,622	55 21
Melrose	8,159	9,924,873	54 52
Belmont	2,093	3,633,715	53 00
Winchester	4,861	6,206,125	52 87
Wakefield	6,982	5,817,085	50 56
Lexington	3,197	4,014,055	50 50
Weston	1,664	2,892,950	50 39
Reading	4,088	3,448,208	49 58
Winthrop	2,726	4,573,560	48 86
Canton	4,538	3,886,884	48 00
Weymouth	10,866	6,488,432	48 00
Dedham	7,123	6,111,060	47 98
Stoneham	6,155	4,018,157	46 40
Hyde Park	10,193	8,253,630	46 38
Swampscott	3,198	5,149,200	46 00
Braintree	4,181	4,177,425	45 81
Needham	3,035	2.763,196	45 75
Bedford	1,092	933,624	45 00
Peabody	10,158	7,542,100	44 98
Lincoln	987	2,243,091	43 20
Wayland	2,060	1,496,120	42 55
Natick	9,118	5,482,150	42 27
Cohasset	2,448	4,169,210	42 15
Saugus	3,673	2,947,765	42 00
Holbrook	2,474	8,531,630	41 89
Marblehead	8,202	5,468,130	41 33
Billerica	2,380	1,792,859	40 11
Hingham	4,564	3,953,887	40 00
Stoughton	4,852	2,819,252	40 00
Wilmington	1,213	933,624	38 62
Danvers	7,454	4,416,810	38 40
Avon	1,384	732,261	36 80
Dover	727	833,933	36 66

In some of above towns, the pay to high school teacher is included, in others not; Hingham it is not.

Average pay in the State, $48.38; average pay in Norfolk Co., $48.35.

GRADUATES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL, JUNE, 1896.

Henrietta Clapp Bates,
Jessie Winfield Studley,
Annie Enos Frates,
Harry Nixon Marden.

Taking a Post-graduate Course.

Bridget Frances Powers.

REPORT ON MUSIC.

At the beginning of the School year, the Committee decided to introduce into the schools, the "Natural Music Course," a new system of music, prepared by Messrs. F. H. Ripley, Principal of the Bigelow School, Boston, and Thomas Tapper, Instructor in Musical Composition and Theory in the American College of Musicians. The course consists of a graded series of charts and readers based upon the same principles that govern the teaching of reading.

It has many advantages over the course formerly used. For instance, it does not dwell for any length of time on one particular key, but makes use of, perhaps, three or four keys in the same lesson, in order that the child may get accustomed to the use of "do" or "one," on any staff degree.

It teaches the child to modulate from one key to any other by the use of chromatics, and introduces minor and chromatic elements, as early as the second year, thereby cultivating a taste for the more classical music of the day. If space would permit, I would describe the course more fully as I think it worthy of our attention.

I am not prepared to judge in so short a time of the success of the system, for I feel that we have only made a beginning.

I can only say that it has been a perfect guide to me in my work, and of inestimable value as regards quickness and simplicity of method in sight-reading and tone culture.

The teachers have entered most heartily into the work, and I think agree with me, that the change has been for the best.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. BATES.

REPORT OF THE TEACHER OF DRAWING.

To the Superintendent of Schools:—

The progress in this subject is usually in keeping with the general progress of the school. Where it has not suffered by changes of teachers the work progresses satisfactorily. The change in grading, providing for one grade in a room, makes it possible to plan the work much more advantageously.

Our pupils are doing more advanced work along all lines than ever before, both in the Primary, Grammer and High Schools, and the work in the outlying schools progresses with the rest.

The most important change for the better which has been possible this year has been the introduction of water color paints. Now our nature study is largely done in color, and the designs, with the brush, instead of being constructed in colored paper. The pupils take a much greater delight in their nature work if they can express the color of the object as well as its form. They realize, too, their failures more fully and are becoming better critics of their work. These color studies, also, give them a much increased respect and admiration for the wonderful harmonies of nature when they try to imitate or suggest them in their drawings.

An exhibition of our year's work was made in the Osgood School in June. This was prepared for the Marshfield Agrieultural Fair by special request, but through a misunderstanding it was not sent there in season, but went to Hingham instead. The exhibit was awarded a prize of ten dollars.

As each grade contributed to the exhibit it is fair that each should have its part of the sum awarded. In order that all may share the prize we propose to make this the nucleus of a fund for school room decorations, and by soliciting of friends of the school raise it to a sum sufficient to decorate the walls of each room with a few good pictures and casts of educational value.

Much has already been done along this line in the schools of the state, and the teachers testify that the unconscious influence of such decorations elevates the taste of the pupils. When they are

directed to analyze the subjects to discover why they are good and to learn something of the artist who made them and are helped to a knowledge of what constitutes true art their enjoyment of life is much increased.

We want our pupils to share in the education which comes in this way.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. PEARSON.

One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

THE SELECTMEN

OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET

—AND THE—

Reports of Other Town Officers, Including a Report of the Committee on Town History

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1897.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1897-98.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

PHILANDER BATES, Chairman	Term expires	March 1, 1899
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW . .	" "	March 1, 1898
NEWCOMB B. TOWER, . .	" "	March 1, 1900

Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

ABRAHAM H. TOWER.

School Committee.

E. POMEROY COLLIER .	Term expires,	March 1, 1899
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW . .	" "	March 1, 1900
AMOS A. LAWRENCE . .	" "	March 1, 1900
LOUIS T. CUSHING, . .	" "	March 1, 1898
CYRUS H. BATES . .	" "	March 1, 1898
CALEB LOTHROP, Sec. and Treas.	" "	March 1, 1899

Superintendent of Schools.

ELMER L. CURTISS.

Board of Health.

THE SELECTMEN.

Fire Engineers and Forest Fire Wards.

HARRY E. MAPES, Chief.

HENRY E. BRENNOCK, 1st Asst.

ALSON S. RICHARDSON, 2d Asst.

A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD, WM. E. CROCKER, Clerk.

Superintendent of Streets.

PHILANDER BATES.

Auditor.

HARRY W. SOUTHER.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ALLEN C. BATES.

Auctioneers.

LOUIS N. LINCOLN, AARON PRATT,
JAMES S. BEAL, EDWARD E. WENTWORTH.

Constables and Field Drivers.

EDWARD E. WENTWORTH, WILLIAM E. CROCKER,
A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD, MANUEL S. ENOS,
CHARLES L. KITTRELL, JOHN ROCHE.

Trustees of the Public Library.

Rev. JOSEPH OSGOOD, D. D.	Term expires		March 1, 1899
Miss EDITH M. BATES . .	"	"	March 1, 1899
Mrs. ABRAHAM H. TOWER .	"	"	March 1, 1900
Miss SARAH B. COLLIER, Librarian	"	"	March 1, 1900
EDWARD F. RIPLEY . .	"	"	March 1, 1900
EDWARD E. ELLMS . .	"	"	March 1, 1898
LOUIS T. CUSHING . .	"	"	March 1, 1898
ABRAHAM H. TOWER, Treasurer	"	"	March 1, 1898

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

HERBERT L. BROWN, CHARLES F. BENNETT,
FRANKLIN BEAL.

Public Weighers.

PHILANDER BATES, CALEB F. NICHOLS,
HERBERT L. BROWN.

Fence Viewers.

EPHRAIM SNOW, Jr., FRANK F. MARTIN, Jr.,
GEORGE JASON.

Surveyors of Lumber.

ARTHUR O. HIGGINS, JOSEPH A. VALINE.

Inspector of Cattle.

CALEB F. NICHOLS.

Undertaker.

WARREN F. SNOW.

Pound Keeper.

LEVI L. WORRICK.

Keeper of Lockup.

MANUEL S. ENOS.

Registrars of Voters.

CHARLES F. TILDEN, Chairman	Term expires		May 1, 1900
C. JAMES PRATT . . .	"	"	May 1, 1898
JOHN L. PRATT . . .	"	"	May 1, 1899

HARRY F. TILDEN, Town Clerk, *ex officio*, Clerk of Board.

REPORT

OF

THE TOWN CLERK.

Doings of the

TOWN OF COHASSET.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Extracts from the Town Records.

The Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset was held March 1, 1897, agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same, at which time the several articles contained were acted upon as follows :—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Chose, Philander Bates, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To act upon the financial reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Treasurer of the Public Library, School Committee, Treasurer of School Committee, and Auditor.

Each of the above reports were, by a vote, accepted.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all town officers required by law, and town By-laws.

A list of the officers chosen at this meeting and appointed by the Selectmen may be seen upon pages 5 and 6.

ARTICLE 4. What sums of money will the town raise and appropriate for the payment of debt, interest, repairs of highways, support and relief of poor, schools, public libraries, electric lights, water for hydrants, public buildings, fountains and streets, and all other necessary charges and expenses for the current year?

Voted, That the sum of thirty-three thousand seven hundred and one dollars ($33,701.00) be assessed and raised by taxation the current year as recommended by the Selectmen.

Voted, That the sum of fifty-six thousand one hundred and fifty dollars ($56,150.00) be appropriated the current year as recommended by the Selectmen which was as follows :—

For payment of Funded Debt	$6,400 00
On account of New Bridge	1,000 00
For payment of Interest	3,500 00
Support of Schools	13,500 00
Support and Relief of Poor	6,500 00
Highways and Sidewalks	8,000 00
Electric Lights	5,000 00
Water for Hydrants	2,000 00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	400 00
Town Officers	1,800 00
Watering Streets	1,200 00
Night Police	1,500 00
Fire Department	900 00
Removing Snow	1,000 00
Public Libraries	950 00
Henry Bryant Post G. A. R.	100 00
Printing	250 00
Strait's Pond	250 00
Military Aid	150 00
Inspection of Cattle and Provisions	250 00
Town Hall	500 00
Incidentals	1,000 00
Total	$56,150 00

Article 5. Will the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes, and to pay State and Military Aid?

It was voted, That he be so authorized.

Article 6. In what manner will the town collect the taxes, and at what time shall they be paid into the Treasury?

It was voted, That the taxes the current year be collected in the same manner, and paid into the Treasury at the same time as last year, which was: "The taxes assessed for the current year shall be due and payable on the first day of August; and on all taxes remaining unpaid on the first day of October, interest, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, shall be added thereto until paid; and the taxes remaining unpaid on the tenth day of January (1898) shall be considered delinquent, and subject to collection according to law. The interest accruing under this vote shall be added to and be a part of such taxes."

Article 7. What compensation will the town allow the Collector of Taxes for the current year?

It was voted, That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the current year be the same as last year, viz.: two hundred dollars.

Article 8. To hear the report of the Selectmen on guide-boards, and act thereon.

It was voted, That the following report of the Selectmen on guide-boards be accepted.

"Guide-boards are maintained at the following places: Corner of Church and Beechwood streets; Doane and Beechwood; King and Beechwood; Beechwood and South Main; South Main and Summer; Summer and Border; North Main and King; Forest avenue and North Main; North Main and Jerusalem Road; Jerusalem Road and Forest avenue, and Hull and Jerusalem Road."

Article 9. Will the town accept the list of jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen?

It was voted, That the requests of four persons to have their names stricken from the list of jurors be granted, making the list as accepted by the town, as follows:—

Edwin Bates,	Charles F. Bennitt,
Arthur S. Bates,	Harry C. Bates,
Isaac W. Beal,	Franklin Beal,
Henry E. Brennock,	Robert L. Curtis,
B. Preston Clark,	Thomas W. Doyle,
Wentworth J. Earle,	William Faxon, Jr.,
John E. F. Frates,	Joseph E. Grassie,

John W. Hunt,	David Hamblem,
Frederick G. James,	George W. Kimball,
Frederick L. Lincoln,	Henry L. McMahon,
Arthur Mulvey,	John J. A. Pratt,
John L. Pratt,	George W. Pratt,
C. James Pratt,	John Roche,
Franklin Stoddard,	Ephraim Snow,
Willie F. Thayer,	Warren L. Tower,
Israel C. Vinal,	Manuel P. Valine,
Frank W. Wheelwright,	Alexander Williams, Jr.,

Otis S. Wilbur.

ARTICLE 10. To hear and act upon the report of any committee.

It was voted, Not to accept the report of the Selectmen on the Survey of Border street near the residence of Michael N. and James E. Brennock.

ARTICLE 11. Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in the town the current year, in accordance with Chap. 100, Sec. 5 of the Public Statutes?

The polls for the reception of the ballots upon this question were opened at 11.45 a. m., and were kept open until 1.15 p. m., at which time they were by a vote closed.

Upon the above question two hundred and four votes were cast, of which one hundred and twenty-one were "No," and eighty-three were "Yes."

ARTICLE 12. What action will the town take in regard to a contract with the Cohasset Water Company?

It was voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to contract in behalf of the town with the Cohasset Water Company for a term not exceeding ten years from the termination of the last contract, and at a price not exceeding eighteen hundred dollars ($1,800) per year, for supplying water for hydrants, public buildings, drinking fountains, all as they now exist, and conditionally for watering streets. The conditions upon which the last named service is to be rendered are, "The said company is to furnish water for the streets only in case of a temporary breakdown or accident to other appliances for providing water for that purpose, and then only with the consent in writing of the Superintendent

of the Water Works, and for such time only as the said Superintendent shall deem to be prudent and practicable."

ARTICLE 13. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to provide a suitable base ball ground in the centre of the town or act thereon?

It was voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to provide a suitable place for the boys to play baseball.

ARTICLE 14. Will the town raise and appropriate $100 for making necessary alterations in the vaults of the Central Receiving Tomb or act thereon?

It was voted, That the sum of $100 be raised and appropriated for making necessary alterations in the vaults of the Central Receiving Tomb.

ARTICLE 15. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to construct a fire-proof vault in the Town House and raise or appropriate five hundred dollars for that purpose or act thereon?

It was voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to construct a fire-proof vault in the Town House.

It was voted, That the sum of $500 be raised and appropriated for building a fire-proof vault in the Town House.

ARTICLE 16. Will the town raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a Chemical Engine or act thereon?

It was voted, Not to raise a sum of money to purchase a Chemical Engine.

ARTICLE 17. To hear and act upon the report of the committee on heating the Town Hall and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.

It was voted, That the sum of $1,000 be appropriated for a heating apparatus for the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 18. Will the town appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the suppression of gambling and illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in the town the current year?

It was voted, That the sum of $500 be appropriated for the suppression of gambling and illegal sale ef intoxicating liquors in the town the current year.

ARTICLE 19. What action will the town take concerning the use of salt water for street watering, or act on anything relating thereto?

It was voted, Not to discontinue the use of salt water nor to instruct the Selectmen to arrange for a supply of fresh for street watering.

Article 20. Will the town instruct its fish committee to have fish ways put in the several dams in the stream running from Scituate Pond in Cohasset into Cohasset Harbor, and raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for improving and protecting the alewife fishery in the aforesaid stream, or act thereon?

It was voted, That $100 be raised and appropriated for improving and protecting the alewife fishery in the stream running from Scituate Pond in Cohasset into Cohasset Harbor.

Article 21. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to provide the several companies of the Fire Department with rubber boots?

It was voted, That the sum of $150 be raised and appropriated to provide the several companies of the Fire Department with rubber boots.

Article 22. Will the town raise the sum of one hundred dollars to fix James' lane, leading from South Main street to residence of Patrick Downs.

It was voted, That the matter of fixing James' lane be left to the Selectmen.

Article 23. Will the town raise the sum of five hundred dollars for the building of a sidewalk on King street between Sohier street and North Main street, or act thereon?

It was voted, Not to build a new sidewalk on King street.

Article 24. Will the town raise two hundred dollars for widening and straightening that part of King street between the entrance to the town farm and the residence of Levi L. Worrick?

It was voted, That the sum of two hundred dollars be raised for widening and straightening that part of King street between the entrance to the town farm and the residence of Levi L. Worrick.

Article 25. Will the town accept the report of the Selectmen laying out the private way leading from Border street, near the residence of Mrs. S. D. Farrar to Bailey's creek as a town way and name it Parker avenue?

No report being ready under this article, no action was taken.

Article 26. Will the town cause a drinking fountain to be placed at the junction of Beach street and Atlantic avenue, or act thereon?

It was voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to cause a drinking fountain to be placed at the junction of Beach street and Atlantic avenue.

Article 27. Will the town raise and appropriate five hundred dollars to be expended on the driveway in the Pond Street Cemetery, under the direction of the Cohasset Central Cemetery Association?

It was voted, That five hundred dollars be appropriated to be expended on the driveway in the Pond Street Cemetery, under the direction of the Cohasset Central Cemetery Association.

Article 28. Will the town raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve the hill on Forest avenue at the junction of Jerusalem road, or act thereon?

It was voted, That Henry M. Whitney, Horace W. Wadleigh and Philander Bates be chosen a committee to get plans and estitimates of cost of improving the hill on Forest avenue at the junction of Jerusalem road and report at a future meeting.

Article 29. Will the town cause half-tide gates to be put in at the bridge at the mouth of Little Harbor or act on anything relating thereto?

It was voted, That a committee consisting of five members be appointed by the chair to procure plans and estimates of cost of building half-tide gates at the mouth of Little Harbor and report at the Annual Meeting of the town, one year from this day.

(The committee appointed by the chair on the above article were B. Preston Clark, Amos A. Lawrence, Daniel N. Tower, Ralph B. Williams and Cyrus R. Keene.)

Article 30. Will the town cause the financial report to be printed and distributed in the month of February, 1898?

It was voted, In the affirmative.

It was voted, That the thanks of this meeting be extended to the Moderator for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over it.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. provided a lunch, as usual, in the dining room, from 11.30 a. m. to 1 p. m.

At ten minutes of four in the afternoon this meeting was by a vote dissolved.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Cohasset, held Monday evening, July 26, 1897, at 8 o'clock p. m., agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same, the several articles in the warrant were acted upon as follows :—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Chose, Philander Bates, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To see what action the town will take in regard to the recent widening and relocating of Border street.

It was voted, That the Selectmen be ordered to petition the County Commissioners to withdraw the lines recently laid down by them, and restore Border street to its lines previous to recent relocating.

(In answer to a petition sent the County Commissioners as above ordered, the following was received in reply: "The County Commissioners have today ordered that the petition of Selectmen of Cohasset, petitioners for relocation of Border street, filed Sept. 21, 1897, be dismissed. Dated Oct. 5, 1897").

ARTICLE 3. Will the town appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars towards placing a bell on the North Cohasset M. E. Church, which shall be for the use of the public for a fire alarm bell in case of fire.

It was voted, That the town appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars towards placing a bell on the North Cohasset M. E. Church whenever a sufficient sum has been secured for this purpose.

ARTICLE 4. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen on the laying out as a town way the private way leading from Border street, near residence of Levi Cadose, to Bailey's creek.

It was voted, That the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of the private way leading from Border street to Bailey's creek, and naming said way Parker avenue, be accepted.

It was voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

MILITARY DUTY.

The number of men in Cohasset liable to perform military duty May 1, 1897 337

DOGS LICENSED.

The number of dogs licensed in Cohasset from December 1, 1896, to December 1, 1897, was:—

Male	125
Female	4
Total	129

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

ELECTION RECORD.

November 2, 1897.

Number of Registered Voters in Cohasset, 528.

Whole number of ballots cast, 222.

Governor.

	Total Vote.	Vote of Cohasset.
John Bascom, Pro., of Williamstown . .	4,948	0
Thomas C. Brophy, S. L., of Boston . .	6,301	0
William Everett, D. N., of Quincy . . .	13,879	9
George Fred Williams, Dem., of Dedham . .	79,552	28
Roger Wolcott, Rep., of Boston . . .	165,095	177
Blanks		8

Lieutenant-Governor.

Edward A. Buckland, S. L., of South Hadley .	7,379	1
Christopher T. Callahan, Dem., of Holyoke .	77,003	27

	Total Vote.	Vote of Cohasset.
James E. Cotter, D. N., of Hyde Park	16,202	8
W. Murray Crane, Rep., of Dalton	157,106	174
Willard O. Wylie, Pro.. of Beverly	6,253	3
Blanks		9
SECRETARY.		
Addison W. Barr, S. L., of Worcester	8,260	0
Charles D. Nash, Dem., of Whitman	75,846	26
William M. Olin, Rep., of Boston	157,009	174
Edwin Sawtell, Pro., of Brockton	5,199	1
Bernard M. Wolf, D. N., of Boston	11,276	7
Blanks		14
TREASURER.		
George A. Brown, S. L., of Lynn	8,595	0
Robert C. Habberley, Pro., of Hyde Park,	5,332	0
Edward P. Shaw, Rep., of Newburyport	153,888	171
Horace P. Tobey, D. N., of Wareham	14,623	12
Thomas A. Watson, Dem., of Braintree	74,021	26
Blanks		13
AUDITOR.		
Joseph Ballam, S. L., of Boston	8,190	1
Harry Douglas, D. N., of Great Barrington	12,498	10
John W. Kimball, Rep., of Fitchburg	154,316	170
Joseph H. Sheldon, Dem., of Haverhill	74,061	26
Herbert M. Small, Pro., of Templeton	4,748	0
Blanks		15
ATTORNEY-GENERAL.		
Wolcott Hamlin, Pro., of Amherst	5,866	1
William Harrison, S. L., of Lawrence	8,115	0
Hosea M. Knowlton, Rep., of New Bedford	155,048	173
William W. McClench, D. N., of Chicopee	12,954	10
John A. O'Keefe, Dem., of Lynn,	74,245	26
Blanks		12
COUNCILLOR—First District.		
Nathaniel F. Ryder, Rep., of Middleborough	19,062	177
Blanks		45

SENATOR—First Plymouth District.

	Total Vote.	Vote of Cohasset.
Walter L. Bouvé, Rep., of Hingham,	3,037	158
Andrew Shanahan, Dem., of Rockland	1,195	40
Blanks		24

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT — Third Plymouth District.

Dennis Daley, Dem., of Hingham	93	32
John Reed, Pro., of Hull	88	7
Edward E. Wentworth, Rep., of Cohasset	468	168
Joseph S. Bigelow, Rep., of Cohasset	2	2
Blanks		13

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—Norfolk.

James Hewins, Dem., D. N., Rep.	11,807	172
Blanks		50

REGISTER OF DEEDS—Norfolk County.

John H. Burdakin, Dem., D. N., Rep., of Dedham	11,808	168
Blanks		54

COUNTY TREASURER—Norfolk.

Charles H. Smith, Dem., D. N., Rep., of Dedham	11,801	174
Blanks		48

VOTE OF THE THIRD PLYMOUTH DISTRICT FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT.

	Hingham.	Cohasset.	Hull.	Totals.
Dennis Daley, of Hingham	53	32	8	93
John Reed, of Hull	55	7	26	88
Edward E. Wentworth, of Cohasset	256	168	44	468
Joseph S. Bigelow, of Cohasset	0	2	0	2
Blanks	19	13	17	49
Totals	383	222	95	700

It appearing that Edward E. Wentworth, of Cohasset, had received a plurality of the votes given in, a certificate of election was issued to him.

HARRY F. TILDEN, *Town Clerk.*

List of Marriages, Births and Deaths—Registered in Cohasset During the Year 1897.

MARRIAGES.

Date.	NAME.	Residence.	Where and by Whom Married.
Jan. 7	Anthony C. Fratus Catherine M. Patton	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Boston by Rev. George J. Prescott.
Feb. 28	Sanford L. Damon Olive R. Wright	Weymouth. Braintree.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood, D. D.
Mar. 3	Charles Whynot Nettie M. Taylor	Kingston. Cohasset.	Married in Kingston by Rev. Charles L. Pierce.
May 26	Arthur Smith Mary B. Whelen	Cohasset. Hingham.	Married in Hingham by Rev. Fr. Ambrose F. Roche.
July 20	James E. White Nettie Agnes Richardson	East Freetown. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Cecil Harper.
July 24	Paul J. Armos Rose Pearson	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Fr. Charles F. Cowen.
Aug. 25	George S. Hatch Anna Begu	No well. Scituate.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. John Wriston.
Sept. 8	Ellery C. Bates Julia W. Treat	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. E. Victor Bigelow.
Sept. 12	George G. Monteiro Edith L. Antoine	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Fr. Charles F. Cowen.
Sept. 18	Manuel W. Silvia Katherine Wheeler	Cohasset. Everett.	Married in Boston by Rev. Fr. John J. Downey.
Sept. 22	Neil J. Tracy Grace Phalan	Boston. Cohasset.	Married in Hingham by Rev. Fr. Ambrose F. Roche.
Sept. 23	Percy A. Penfold Mabel B. Mitchell	Hingham. Hull.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood, D. D.

MARRIAGES—*Continued.*

Date.	NAME.	Residence.	Where and by Whom Married.
Sept. 25	Francis H. Haskell Dayse (Carter) Ketterlinus	Cohasset. Singerly, Md.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Percy Browne of Roxbury.
Oct. 3	William G. Maguire Hattie S. Maguire	Hingham. Hingham.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. John Wriston.
Oct. 6	Clark E. Drew Mary C. Bates	East Weymouth. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. E. Victor Bigelow.
Oct. 10	Antone S. Figueiredo Mary A. Silvia	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Fr. Charles F. Cowen.
Oct. 16	John W. Fratus Susie Souther	Cohasset. Hingham.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. John Wriston.
Oct. 26	Henry M. Fuller Florence M. Lake	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. E. Victor Bigelow.
Oct. 30	James S. Beal Sarah (Glynn) Reid	Hingham. Hull.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood, D. D.
Nov. 24	Clarence Studley Bertha Liswell	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in North Scituate by Rev. Albert D. Spaulding.
Nov. 24	Lester Merritt Fannie H. Bates	Scituate. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood, D. D.
Nov. 24	William W. Reddie Lillian S. Smith	Hull. Hull.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. James B. Thomas.

Twenty-two marriages were registered in Cohasset as per list above, of which 16 were solemnized in this town. Eleven grooms and 12 brides were residents of Cohasset, while there were but 7 marriages in which both were residents of this town.

HARRY F. TILDEN, Town Clerk.

BIRTHS, 1897.

Date.	Name.	Parents' Name.	Mother's M. N.	Place of Birth.
Jan. 27	Charles Edward Fitch.	William H. and Sarah M.	Braddock.	North Main St.
Jan. 29	Ralph Francis Connell.	Patrick J. and Sarah.	McElwain.	Jerusalem Road.
Feb. 2	Ruth Vinal Westgate.	Charles F. and Catherine H.	Vinal.	Elm St.
Feb. 5	Grace Frances Lane.	Francis W. and Elizabeth J.	Carvin.	Beechwood St.
Feb. 15	Walter Edward Sullivan.	Eugene and Minnie.	McAuliffe.	Smith Pl.
Feb. 26	Frederick Matthew Mulhearn.	Matthew and Margaret L.	Leslie.	Pleasant St.
Mar. 5	Helen Marguerite Jason.	Frank and Marguerite L.	Supple.	Summer St.
Mar. 11	John Henry Sweeney.	James M. and Della F.	McDonald.	Jerusalem Road.
Mar. 28	George Miller Arnold.	George M. and Catherine.	Acenau.	Beechwood St.
Apr. 15	Charles Gross Lothrop.	Caleb and Mary E.	Gross.	Summer St.
Apr. 25	Grover Curtis.	Robert L. and Sarah F.	Curtis.	Doane St.
Apr. 26	— Dean.	William and Jessie.	McDonald.	Beechwood St.
May 7	William Leonard Herrington.	George A. and Ada B.	Richardson.	Hull St.
May 20	Edgar Turner Brickett.	Alfred and Mary H.	McKenzie.	Jerusalem Road.
May 21	Thomas Frederick Mulcahy.	John W. and Hannah A.	Hart.	James' Lane.
May 23	Louise Silvia.	Joseph F. L. and Eunice.	Brown.	Elm St.
June 8	Marguerite Burke.	Michael and Annie.	Mack.	Spring St.
June 11	Helen Smith.	Arthur and Mary B.	Whelan.	Smith Pl.
June 23	Mildred Cronican Daley.	Bartholomew and Ellen A.	Cronican.	Pleasant St.
June 27	Alberta May Fratus.	Anthony C. and Catherine.	Patton.	Beechwood St.
July 1	George Joseph Damon.	George and Lillie.	Rooney.	Summer St.
July 3	John Joseph Bagwell.	John J. and Mary A.	Finnegan	Jerusalem Road.
July 3	Albert Samuel Vickery.	Samuel F. and Emma H.	Taylor.	Beechwood St.
July 18	Charles Edson Butman.	Joseph E. and Mary A.	Stewart.	Summer St.
July 20	Richard Farrell Grassie.	Joseph J. and Marguerite E.	Farrell.	Spring St.
July 25	Charles Steele.	John and Elise.	Kirkwald.	South Main St.
July 25	Allen Edward Russell Tower.	Thomas A. and Mary.	McCloud.	Sohier St.
Aug. 1	Gertrude Frances Gibson.	George N. and Etta W.	Harlow.	Beechwood St.
Aug. 10	Beulah Alberta Hutchinson.	Elmer E. and Winnie M.	Ruso.	Hull St.

BIRTHS—*Continued.*

Date.	Name.	Parents' Name.	Mother's M. N.	Place of Birth.
Aug. 16	Arthur Frederic James.	Frederick J. and Elizabeth R.	McCormack.	King St.
Aug. 18	—— Fallon.	Edward J. and Mary A.	Duff.	Pleasant St.
Aug. 18	Anthony Sidney.	Antone and Josephine.	Frates.	Stockbridge St.
Sept. 12	Merton Lincoln Pratt. } twins.	John J. A. and Mary F.	Antoine.	Beechwood St.
Sept. 12	Merial Lincoln Pratt. }			
Oct. 2	Richard Calvin Burwell. } "	John W. and Ella L.	Bassett.	Summer St.
Oct. 2	Lester Jackson Burwell. }			
Oct. 11	Eleanor Gladius Carlson.	Charles E. and Mary G.	Rooney.	Summer St.
Oct. 15	Veronica Valine.	Ernest A. and Argenta C.	Drongili.	Stockbridge St.
Oct. 17	Samuel Wallace Apts.	James W. and Laura L.	Hadley.	Church St.
Oct. 24	Delia May Almeida.	Joseph W. and Alicia M.	Rooney.	Elm St.
Oct. 31	Lillian E sie Mulvey,	William and Margaret.	Devine.	Pond St.
Oct. 31	John Clarence Wriston.	John and Fornie J.	Bartram.	Beechwood St.
Nov. 7	Thomas William Curtis.	Thomas and Mary J.	Rochford.	North Main St.
Nov. 30	Julia Coletta Donovan.	Daniel and Mary.	McCarthy.	Sohier St.
Dec. 9	Norman Douglas Cann.	Joseph M. and Abbie E.	Wentworth.	South Main St.
Dec. 11	Ellen Sewall Collier.	George W. and Frances.	Osgood.	North Main St.
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July 26	Antoine Silvia Roderick.	John J. and Mary.	Laurens.	James' Lane.
Oct. 7	John William Silvia.	John and Lena.	Kravalla.	Border St.

The above list contains the names of forty six babies born in Cohasset in 1897, and two born in 1896, omitted from last report. Of those born in 1897, there were twenty-eight males and eighteen females with parentage as follows: American father and American mother, 23; American father and Foreign mother, 9; Foreign father and American mother, 7; Foreign father and Foreign mother, 7.

HARRY F. TILDEN, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS, 1897

Date.	NAME.	Age. Y.	M.	D.	Cause of Death.	Place of Death.
Jan. 4	George Bates	81	6	10	Senile Degeneration of Heart	Snow Place
Jan. 5	Frances H. Nichols	59	9	15	Scirrhous	Highland Ave.
Jan. 9	(1) Clarissa (Ripley) Nickerson	55	0	21	Neuralgia of Heart	So. Main St.
Jan. 14	(2) Ellen Ross	48	8	0	Cardias Dilatation	Beechwood St.
Feb. 2	Ellen Whittington	32	5	0	General Paralysis	Belmont.
Feb. 13	Olive T. Litchfield	82	4	13	Influenza	Boston.
Feb. 21	Laura Bell Perkins	[illegible]	10	17	Acute Peritonitis	Boston.
Mar. 2	Nancy Kilburn	87	0	0	Influenza	Boston.
Mar. 3	Antoine Silvia	85	0	0	Broncho pneumonia	Beechwood St.
Mar. 13	Robert Ainslie	8	6	18	Chronic Nephritis	Boston.
Mar. 13	Warren Bates	83	10	0	Atony of the Stomach	Jerusalem Road.
Mar. 15	Martha (Bailey) Tilden	81	1	12	Asthenia	So. Main St.
Mar. 16	(1) Ralph Francis Connell	0	1	16	Broncho Pneumonia	Jerusalem Road.
Mar. 31	(3) William R. Holbrook	79	11	23	Apoplexy	Spring St.
Apr. 4	Harriet (Joy) Bates	84	9	0	La Grippe	So. Main St.
Apr. 13	Lottie Frances Bates	17	0	0		Weymouth.
Apr. 16	Susan (Wheelwright) Waters	69	0	0	Neuralgia of Heart	Beechwood St.
Apr. 22	Martha M. Carr	26	0	0		Boston.
Apr. 22	Mary E. Murphy	2	10	0	Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	Boston.
May 8	Deborah (Lincoln) Pratt	88	11	6	Heart Failure	So. Main St.
May 10	Grover Curtis	0	0	15	Acute Meningitis	Beechwood St.
May 12	Everett W. Wheelwright	4	11	10	Peritonitis	Beechwood St.
May 13	William H. Beal	62	9	0	Heart Disease	Elm St.
May 19	Willie Nadjin	6	0	3	Measles	Braintree.
May 20	Lucy M. Pike	69	4	0	Influenza and Nephritis Complications	Somerville.
May 29	William M. Crowell	67	11	19	Asthma Heart Disease	Brockton.

May 30	Manuel Silvia	45	0	0	Phthisis Pulmonaris	Beechwood St.
June 9	Adeline (Germaine) Hayden	82	8	0	Valvular Disease of Heart	Scituate.
June 16	(1) James Arthur Roche	16	0	0	Meningitis	No. Main St.
June 17	(1) Grace (Newman) Brickett	31	9	0	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Boston.
June 23	Eunice (Bates) Lothrop	72	7	26	Heart Failure following Debility	Summer St.
June 29	Francis Lincoln Pratt	78	9	0	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Summer St.
June 30	Florence G. Wilson	0	10	11	Phthisis Pulmonaris	Pleasant St.
July 3	(4) Ignatius P. Egan	50	0	0	Myocarditis Asthma	Boston.
Aug. 1	John Maria Salvador	82	6	17	Old Age	Stockbridge St.
Aug. 15	Phineas G. Brown	66	8	26	Heart Disease	No. Main St.
Aug. 15	Charles V. Antoine	4	0	4	Dysentery	Hull St.
Aug. 21	Allen R. Gaylord	0	0	16	Cholera Infantum	Boston.
Aug. 24	Charles B. Burbank	78	10	0	Paralysis	King St.
Sept. 9	Edgar W. Pratt	1	1	2	Marasmus	Ripley Road.
Sept. 22	(4) Marion Cheever	30	6	22	Accidental Drowning	
Sept. 25	Beulah A. Hutchinson	0	1	18	Enteritis	Hull St.
Oct. 3	(1) Elizabeth C. Roche	19	9	20	Typhoid Fever	No. Main St.
Oct. 10	(5) Amos E. Tilden	46	11	4	Cirrhosis	Elm St.
Oct. 20	Frank E. Flint	0	8	0	Cholera Infantum	Boston.
Nov. 2	Russell Jones	0	8	17	Marasmus	Boston.
Nov. 15	Mary (James) Worrick	70	11	15	Ulceration of Bowels	King St.
Nov. 22	John Bates	38	6	25	Tuberculosis of Larynx	No. Main St.
Nov. 23	Mary Amelia Vargus	0	2	4	La Grippe	Scituate.
Nov. 27	Susanna S. Pratt	85	0	7	Apoplexy	Beechwood St.
Dec. 8	Henry Bates	63	2	25	Chronic Gastritis	Hull St.
Dec. 8	Charles A. Studley	88	9	14	Apoplexy	Atlantic Ave.
Dec. 9	Alexander W. Hayden	50	0	3	Pericarditis	Boston.
Dec. 29	Deborah (Bates) Pratt	87	7	15	Diarrhœa Acute	Elm St.
Dec. 30	John Pratt	83	1	18	Apoplexy	Beechwood St.
1896.						
Oct. 23	Ephraim W. Antoine	30	0	0	Overdose of Sabol (Mistake)	New Haven, Conn.

1. Buried at Hingham. 2. Buried at Salem. 3. Buried at North Weymouth. 4. Buried at Boston. 5. Buried at Scituate.

The above list comprises 56 names and includes 23 who have died in other places who were either residents of this town or were brought here for burial.

Ofthe 36 who died in this town, 21 were males and 15 were females, and their average age was 54 years and 28 days. Twenty-three were born in Cohasset, two in Scituate, one in Weymouth, one in South Weymouth, one in Somerville, one in Hingham, one in Hanover, one in Boston, one in Salem, one in Hanover, N. H., and three in foreign countries.

Seven were under five years, none between five and ten, two between ten and twenty. none between twenty and thirty, two between thirty and forty, three between forty and fifty, two between fifty and sixty, four between sixty and seventy, five between seventy and eighty, and eleven over eighty years of age.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN.

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The Selectmen hereby preface their account of receipts and expenditures for the year 1897, with a brief statement which may be of interest.

FIRE PROOF VAULT.

At the last annual meeting the Selectmen were authorized to construct a fire-proof vault in the Town House for the safe preservation of the public records, &c., for which purpose a sum of five hundred dollars was raised. Much thought was given this important matter, and various suggestions in relation thereto were heard and considered, but no conclusion has yet been reached as to the plan of its construction or location. Thinking that hasty action in the matter might be followed by lingering regrets, it was decided to prepare a report with accompanying plans, upon what appears to be the most feasible scheme, and submit the same to the Town at the next annual meeting for approval. This will be done and if approved, the work will be commenced as soon thereafter as may be practicable.

TOWN HOUSE.

Steam heating apparatus has been placed in the Town House during the past year at an expense not exceeding the estimate. Upon trial, however, it was found that the flue in the old chimney was inadequate for its successful operation. The unforeseen expense of a new chimney was therefore made necessary, and therewith the system appears to work satisfactorily.

A new floor was laid in the hall early last summer, and, although exceeding the estimated cost, the Selectmen feel that it was a most judicious expenditure, for in taking up the old floors a very unsafe condition of the floor timbers, occasioned by shrinkage, splits and checks, was discovered. The liberal use of iron clamps has thoroughly strengthened the floor, so that it now probably is stronger than ever before.

A radical change in the care of the Town House has been adopted, whereby a janitor is employed by the month to operate the steam heater and to care for the whole building, the gross proceeds for rentals being rendered to the Town. This change appears to be a satisfactory one.

STREET WATERNG PLANT.—SPRING STREET.

The use of salt water for watering streets has been limited the past season to one day in the week. The old salt water plant on Border street, belonging to private parties, and located on private property, would not have withstood the strain of constant service without extensive as well as expensive repairs, and could not be operated when the tide was out. Your Selectmen therefore decided it was not wise to wait until the plant gave out before taking some action towards a supply of water for the streets, believing when the cost of repairing the streets is taken into consideration that the liberal use of water is economical as well as agreeable to the travelling public. Bicycle riders and pedestrians as well cried out "give us fresh water for the streets," for both dislike salt water mud especially just after a shower. The Selectmen have therefore made provision for a supply of water for street purposes by erecting on Spring street a plant for raising water for this purpose. The plant, although expensive in its first cost, is inexpensive to operate. About two gallons of gasolene per day, costing about twenty cents, a few sparks of electricity from a common battery near by, and a little lubricating oil, are all that is required to run the wonderful little engine which in turn operates the powerful three-cylinder pump. It all is a marvel of simplicity, compactness and efficiency, and by it, it may be demonstrated that two or three more of the same sort, properly located so as to avoid long hauls in water carts, thereby getting, perhaps, three times the amount of water on the streets without additional expense for delivery, will be profitable for the town to have. This plant is accounted an asset of the town for one thousand dollars, this year.

THE STATE ROAD.

The Selectmen took the contract in behalf of the town to construct the first section of the State Road, 2200 feet on North

Main street, beyond Forest avenue. Undoubtedly the contract might have been given to outside parties advantageously in some respects to the town, but in the latter case, had it been done, but little, if any, of the money would have been distributed among our townspeople for labor, whereas, as it was, they received all. A portion of the road is yet to receive a light top dressing and the high embankments are to be railed. The final account will probably show more favorably for the town than that shown in this report, as the State still holds a balance due for work already done.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

A drinking fountain was to have been erected at the junction of Beach street and Atlantic avenue during the year, but owing to unanticipated and heavy expenses having been incurred in other matters, this was allowed to lie over a year.

On the following pages will be found the expenses of the town in detail, under their respective heads.

EXPENDITURES.

Town of Cohasset, for the year ending December 31, 1897, by the Selectmen.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' RELIEF.

Margaret Nott.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		$48 00

Emily N. Phinney.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		72 00

Willie F. Thayer.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		42 00

Robert L. Curtis.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		46 00

Eliza J. Litchfield.

Paid Lot W. Bates, house rent .	$30 00	
H. L. Brown, groceries . .	15 98	
Lincoln Brothers, coal . .	16 00	
Almshouse, wood . . .	18 00	
Elmer E. Bates, milk . .	7 26	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., attendance	12 00	
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance	3 00	
		$102 24

Isaac H. Tower and Family.

Paid C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance	$21 50	
Philander Bates, boots, etc. .	19 48	
Cohasset Clothing Co. . .	9 50	
		$50 48

Mrs. James Rooney and Family.

Paid O. H. Howe, M. D. attendance.	$27 75	

Paid Caleb Lothrop, Agent, house rent	$52 50	
Philander Bates, boots, etc.	4 85	
Gross & Nichols, groceries	15 18	
Geo. K. Nickerson, meats	11 35	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal	3 35	
		$114 98
Total, Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief		$475 70

STATE AND MILITARY AID.

Paid Harriet J. Apts	$48 00	
Robert L. Curtis	104 50	
Leander W. Groce	60 00	
Reuben S. Gurney	10 00	
Alfred Haskell	48 00	
Warren Newcomb	54 00	
Delia Rooney	48 00	
Willie F. Thayer	54 00	
Eliza J. Litchfield	48 00	
Charles F. Bennett	96 00	
Isaac H. Tower	48 00	
William F. Harris	81 00	
		$699 50
Amount of State Aid to be reimbursed by the State	$435 50	
Amount of Military Aid to be reimbursed by the State	132 00	
		$567 50
Net amount, State and Military Aid		$132 00

WATER FOR HYDRANTS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, ETC.

Paid Treasurer of Cohasset Water Co.	$1,800 00	
Treasurer of Hingham Water Co.	150 00	
		$1,950 00

STREET WATERING PLANT, SPRING STREET.

Paid Daniel Russell, driving wells .	$87 00	
H. L. Washburn, board of men	30 00	
D. N. Tower, services, and labor furnished	159 39	
William T. Tilden, labor . . .	40 00	
Robert B. Pratt, labor . .	28 75	
James D. Lincoln, posts . .	7 80	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, etc.	110 69	
Charles F. Tilden, iron work .	15 60	
D. Webster Pratt, painting .	19 73	
Cohasset Water Co., pipe and fittings	16 27	
Antoine E. Salvador, labor .	2 50	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight	22 69	
Allen C. Bates, tunnel and measure	91	
C. F. B. Tilden, teaming and freight	26 05	
F. E. Whitney, one two and one-half H. P. gasolene engine .	250 00	
F. E. Whitney, fittings and labor setting up engine . . .	14 95	
Builders' Iron Foundry, cast iron water pipe, etc. . . .	115 38	
Smith & Thayer Co., one gasolene pump	100 00	
Smith & Thayer Co., one 10x10 Cypress tank . . .	72 00	
Smith & Thayer, fittings . .	5 34	
Walworth Mfg. Co., galvanized pipe and fittings . .	77 95	
Sewall & Day Cordage Co., jute packing	2 76	
Boston Lead Mf'g. Co., block lead	15 01	
		$1,250 77

WATERING STREETS.

Paid Hingham Water Co., water .	$200 00	
Hingham Water Co., stand pipes	20 00	
James D. Lincoln, water . .	10 00	
Estate of Alden Beal	300 00	
Caleb F. B. Tilden . . .	200 00	
Charles S. Bates . . .	500 00	
Charles F. Tilden . . .	2 00	
F. E. Whitney, oil . . .	4 50	
Tower Bros. & Co., gasolene .	23 71	
		$1,260 21

HIGHWAYS.

Paid Philander Bates, Superintendent of Streets	$8,200 00

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Thomas L. Bates and others . .	$134 50	
Thomas D. Blossom and others	17 00	
Alson S. Richardson and others	38 36	
Amos E. Tilden, and others .	95 81	
Samuel E Pratt and others .	151 96	
William O. Souther and others .	119 47	
Caleb F. B. Tilden and others .	154 60	
Estate of Alden Beal . .	48 25	
Almshouse	17 13	
George W. Tinkham, paid sundry persons	7 00	
Philander Bates, paid sundry persons	142 30	
		$926 38

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Treasurer of Cohasset Electric Co.	$5000 00

TOWN HALL BUILDING.

Paid Treasurer of Cohasset Electric Co.	$130 48	
Lincoln Brothers, coal	58 55	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal	27 13	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, brick, etc.	399 04	
Herbert O. Beale, labor, new floor	199 72	
Herbert O. Beale, iron work, new floor	62 75	
Ziba C. Small, labor	24 50	
Fuller, Leonard and Small, rubber tips	21 60	
Frank H. Pratt, labor	3 75	
John E. F. Frates, labor	2 50	
Abraham A. Valine labor	10 00	
Allen C. Bates, marble bowl, etc.	46 53	
Allen C. Bates, steam heating apparatus	950 00	
Spencer H. Stoughton, building chimney, etc.	177 00	
Henry E. Brennock, safety valve, etc.	11 73	
Henry E. Brennock, labor	1 50	
Charles F. Tilden, iron work	9 31	
Gross & Nichols	69	
Estate of F. H. Nichols	30	
Caleb F. B. Tilden, stone	1 50	
Louis N. Lincoln, auctioneer	1 50	
Luther J. Bates, care of heater to Dec. 1st	25 00	
William T. Tilden, janitor	50 00	
Joseph J. Bates, care of hall, town meeting	3 00	
		$2,218 08

Amount received, sale of lumber .	12 75	
" " from Jos. J. Bates, rent of hall	39 00	
Amount received from William T. Tilden, rent of hall . .	26 00	
Amount received from Caleb Lothrop, agent, insurance . . .	30 00	
		$107 75
		$2,110 33

HENRY BRYANT POST 98, G. A. R.

Paid William F. Thayer, Quartermaster . .	$100 00

ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAW.

Paid Citizens' Law and Order League . . .	$124 07

SCHOOLS.

Paid Treasurer of School Committee . . .	$13,500 00

INSPECTION OF MEAT, CATTLE AND PROVISIONS.

Paid Caleb F. Nichols, Inspector	$250 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Treasurer . . .	$3,360 00	
County Treasurer . . .	4,709 54	
		$8,069 54

FIRE ALARM BELL AT M. E. CHURCH.

Paid Rev. R. C. Miller, appropriation . . .	$100 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid to order of Fire Engineers .	$950 79	
Batchelder & Lincoln Co., Rubber Boots	167 90	
		$1,118 69

ABATEMENTS.

Paid from tax list of 1893 . .	$20 65	
" " " " 1894 . .	15 89	
" " " " 1895 . .	13 81	
" " " " 1896 . .	478 55	
" " " " 1897 . .	658 53	
		$1,187 43

STRAITS POND.

Paid George W. Beal, care of gates .	$94 20	
Henry E. Brennock, labor . .	7 50	
Frank H. Pratt, labor . .	7 50	
Charles F. Tilden, iron work .	28 00	
Estate Amos E. Tilden, team .	9 25	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber .	5 24	
Herbert O. Beale, lumber and labor	10 59	
Fore River Engine Co., machine work	1 05	
		$163 33

PRINTING.

Paid Weymouth and Braintree Publishing Co., town reports .	$158 05	
Weymouth and Braintree Publishing Co., warrants, etc. .	71 75	
Pratt Brothers, assessors' notices	1 25	
Cotton & Gould, tax bills, etc. .	26 10	
		$257 15

POND STREET CEMETERY.

Paid Caleb Lothrop, treasurer . .		$500 00

IRON BRIDGE, BORDER STREET.

Paid Frank H. Pratt, raising building	$7 50	
Joseph E. Grassie, raising building and posts . . .	11 25	
Joseph Jason, teaming . .	1 75	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, paint, etc.	39 05	
Henry E. Brennock, labor .	38 75	
Fred B. Studley, labor . .	16 00	
		$114 30

IRON BRIDGE, ATLANTIC AVENUE.

Paid Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, paint, etc.	$125 25	
Henry E. Brennock, labor .	11 25	
Frank H. Pratt, labor . .	8 75	
Joseph C. Anderson, labor, painting	31 25	
Israel C. Vinal, labor, painting .	28 50	
		$205 00

GULF RIVER GATE.

Paid Tower Bros. & Co., lumber and cement	$128 86	
Henry E. Brennock, labor .	148 50	
Frank H. Pratt, labor . .	96 00	
Antoine E. Salvador, labor .	20 00	
Joseph D. Hutchinson, labor .	12 00	
George M. Ennice, labor . .	1 50	
Charles F. Tilden, iron work .	46 64	
Amos E. Tilden, team . .	9 35	
Daniel N. Tower, plans for Harbor Commisioners . . .	8 00	

Paid D. Sylvester, bags . . .	$4 50	
Frank Grassie, labor . .	5 00	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., iron rail	2 30	
		$482 65

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Paid Treasurer Cohasset Public Library	$850 00	
Treasurer Nantasket Public Library	100 00	
		$950 00

PARKER AVENUE.

Paid Louis T. Cushing, team . .	30 00	
George Jason, team . . .	39 00	
Joseph Jason, team . . .	30 00	
Thomas W. Whitcomb, team .	19 00	
Charles W. Gammons, Trustee, team	32 50	
Charles W. Gammons, Trustee, gravel	37 18	
William Mulvey, team . .	10 00	
William Mulvey, stone delivered	24 50	
Manuel R. Sylvia, labor . .	46 00	
Manuel E. Brazil, labor . .	12 00	
Stephen Reilly, labor . .	46 00	
Otis V. Barnes, labor . .	31 00	
Daniel N. Tower, surveying .	3 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., pipe . .	9 05	
		$369 23

RECEIVING TOMB.

Paid W. J. Sullivan, freestone, etc. .	$126 00	
James W. Holland, labor . .	123 25	
Charles F. Tilden, iron work .	8 95	
Caleb F. B. Tilden, teaming .	1 50	
Tower Bros. & Co., cement, etc.	8 25	
Edward Nichols, plans . .	12 50	
		$280 45

NIGHT POLICE.

Paid Manuel S. Enos . . .	$718 00	
William E. Crocker . . .	704 00	
Edward E. Wentworth, substitute and special . . .	37 00	
Henry E. Brennock, substitute and special	21 00	
		$1,480 00

ALEWIFE FISHERIES.

Paid town of Scituate, carting fish .	$19 37

STATE ROAD—FIRST SECTION.

Paid John Beal, Agent, 725 tons broken stone . . .	$507 50
John Beal, Agent 1,510 cubic yards filling . . .	151 00
John Beal, Agent, use of steam roller	112 50
Arthur Mulvey, 741 tons broken stone	518 70
Arthur Mulvey, 10½ tons gravel binder	7 35
Arthur Mulvey, 177 double loads gravel on carts . . .	123 90
Arthur Mulvey, 50 single loads gravel on carts . . .	22 50
Arthur Mulvey, 62 double loads gravel	37 20
Arthur Mulvey, 47 single loads gravel	18 80
Town of Braintree, use of steam roller	465 25
Thomas W. Whitcomb, team .	54 00
George W. Mealy, team . .	74 25

Paid John A. Sylvia, team	$31	50
Thomas Loney, team	81	00
Estate Alden Beal, team	47	25
John W. Bates, team	72	00
Waldo C. Locke, team	91	00
William W. Bates, team	84	00
L. Lincoln Worrick, team	55	50
Charles W. Gammons, Trustee, team	49	50
Samuel E. Pratt, team	45	00
Mrs. James O'Brien, team	77	00
Oliver H. Bates, team	101	25
Caleb F. B. Tilden, team	80	50
Frank W. Wheelwright, team	49	50
Louis T. Cushing, team	36	00
Elmer E. Bates, team	31	50
Lot W. Bates, team	65	75
Estate Amos E. Tilden, team	26	75
Joseph Jason, team	22	50
William Mulvey, team	15	00
Benjamin F. Morse, team	17	25
Levi Tower, labor	24	50
Lewis L. Wheelwright, labor	14	00
Patrick Downes, labor	53	44
Manuel Oliver, labor	60	66
Charles Joseph, labor	58	91
George F. Sargent, labor	64	16
Fred G. James, labor	120	00
Joseph Frates, labor	76	41
John Kennedy, labor	51	50
James O. McCormack, labor	53	37
Samuel L. Williams, labor	44	62
Clarence Studley, labor	89	91
William Keefe, labor	39	37
George M. Ennice, labor	67	67
Patrick Donahue, labor	21	00
James A. Keating, labor	9	62
Frank Beiler, labor	52	50

Paid Frank M. Nichols, labor . .	$33 13	
Charles L. Kittrell, labor . .	19 25	
Thomas H. Henry, labor . .	68 83	
John E. F. Frates, labor . .	40 83	
Paul J. Almas, labor . .	51 91	
Nathaniel R. Prouty, labor .	51 91	
Lawrence E. Willard, labor .	44 03	
Andrew H. Prouty, labor . .	4 37	
George Denithorne, labor . .	12 25	
Charles Sylvia, labor . .	12 25	
William McNamara, labor .	43 16	
George P. Valine, labor . .	7 00	
Frank D. Grassie, labor . .	37 91	
James Rooney, labor . .	31 50	
Joseph Sylvia, labor . . .	4 37	
Edmund M. Cronican, labor .	17 50	
Willard E. Wilcox, labor . .	8 75	
Antoine Vargus, Jr., labor .	15 75	
Warren White, labor . .	10 50	
Manuel S. Leonard, labor . .	1 75	
John Flemming, labor . .	1 75	
John Mings, filling water cart .	5 00	
Timothy S. Gale, tending lanterns and care of gate . .	9 35	
Wilder & Kimball, lumber .	11 79	
Tower Bros. & Co., cement, lumber and drain pipe . .	77 67	
Lincoln Brothers, coal . .	59 92	
Charles F. Tilden, dumping boards, etc.	40 90	
Gross & Nichols, rendrock and fuse	6 93	
Warren Lothrop, agent, stone .	31 25	
Philander Bates, services and expenses	78 20	
		$4,914 05
Amount received from State . .		$3,024 09
		$1,889 96

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Philander Bates, services and expenses, Selectman and Assessor	$367 97	
Joseph S. Bigelow, services, Selectman and Assessor .	150 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses, Selectman and Assessor	336 70	
Abraham H. Tower, Treasurer .	200 00	
Abraham H. Tower, Collector of Taxes	200 00	
Harry F. Tilden, Town Clerk .	75 00	
Harry F. Tilden, Clerk of Registrars of Voters . . .	20 00	
Charles F. Tilden, Registrar of Voters	20 00	
Caleb J. Pratt, Registrar of Voters	20 00	
John L. Pratt, Registrar of Voters	20 00	
Wentworth J. Earle, Auditor .	25 00	
Allen C. Bates, Sealer of Weights and Measures . . .	50 00	
Edward E. Ellms, election officer	3 50	
Spencer H. Stoughton, election officer	3 50	
John Roche, election officer .	3 50	
Charles L. Kittrell, election officer	3 50	
Edward E. Wentworth, constable	80 75	
John Roche, constable . .	43 50	
A. Bradford Litchfield, constable	103 50	
Charles L. Kittrell, constable .	65 00	
		$1,791 42

INCIDENTALS.

Paid C. W. Sparrell, return of deaths, 1896 and 1897	$3 75
Charles L. Kittrell, court fees	9 11
N. B. Fernald, court fees	9 40
Edward E. Wentworth, court fees	11 88
Historical Society, town order	10 00
Historical Society, show case	12 50
Historical Society, W. F. Thayer	5 00
Historical Society, I. C. Vinal	1 50
Historical Society, Rev. E. V. Bigelow, expenses	25 00
Manuel S. Enos, keeper of lock-up	10 00
Manuel S. Enos, watchman	2 50
Manuel S. Enos, meals for prisoners	2 40
Charles C. Smith, lodging travellers	3 00
George W. Ainslee, damage to horse	10 00
Lot W. Bates, care of clock, 1896, 1897	67 50
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., return of births	7 00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight	1 00
H. L. Washburn, meals, lock-up, and travellers	5 00
H. L. Washburn, meals, county commissioners, and others	7 00
Irving Blossom, damage to boat	12 00
Little, Brown & Co., *Town Officer*	4 00
Manuel Jason, lodging travellers	2 00
H. E. Fernald, M. D., return of births	4 25
Caleb Lothrop, agent, insurance, town hall	56 25

Paid Boston Lightning Rod Co., Osgood School . . .	$159 00
E. L. Burdakin, copy of deeds	15 00
George L. Davenport, plan of road	8 00
Edward E. Wentworth, services and expenses, Border street .	29 74
T. H. Buttimer, court expenses, Border street . . .	19 15
William Mulvey, stone, Lawrence wharf	32 50
Waldo C. Locke, mowing common	6 00
Town of Hingham, surveying and plan, town line . .	88 19
Joseph St. John, postage . .	24 61
Harry W. Souther, postage .	6 92
Edward Fox, seal bounty . .	3 00
Harry White, seal bounty .	3 00
George R. Howe, seal bounty .	3 00
Allen C. Bates, town pump .	9 07
Charles W. Gammons, Trustee, mowing common . . .	10 00
Peter C. Kimball, lunch, election, 1896-97	20 00
Robert B. Pratt, shingling G. A. R. hall	26 25
Otis V. Barnes, labor, boundary stones	6 00
Frank Sylvia, labor, boundary stones	6 00
Charles F. Tilden, repairing chain, Common	5 70
Charles F. Tilden, sewer grate .	3 00
Estate A. E. Tilden, team, Selectmen	16 45
Estate A. E. Tilden, team, Assessors	8 00

Paid Louis T. Cushing, Attorney, services and expenses, Border street	$108 36
George L. Davenport, attendance at Court, Border street .	4 00
George L. Davenport, town line	
C. F. B. Tilden, team, Constable	10 50
Historical Society, Tower Bros. & Co., lumber . . .	15 51
Harry F. Tilden, recording births	25 00
Harry F. Tilden, recording marriages	3 30
Harry F. Tilden, recording deaths	8 00
Harry F. Tilden, postage, express, etc.	8 05
Tower Bros. & Co., shingles, etc., G. A. R. Hall . .	47 78
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, base ball grounds	10 59
Tower Bros. & Co., lock for town pound	90
Tower Bros. & Co., drain pipe, Elm street	20 40
Tower Bros. & Co., fertilizer, Pratt's Park	5 60
Edward E. Ellms, rent, ball field	62 50
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., returning births	2 00
Philander Bates, Board of Health	10 00
Philander Bates, town lines .	8 00
Luther J. Bates, distributing reports	6 00
Joseph S. Bigelow, Board of Health	10 00
Newcomb B. Tower, Board of Health	10 00

Paid Newcomb B. Tower, town lines	$5 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, sundry bills	3 30	
		$1,181 41

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

December 31st, 1897.

OSGOOD SCHOOLHOUSE DEBT.	
Cohasset Savings Bank, 5 time notes . . .	$15,000 00
FUNDED DEBT OF 1893.	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 6 time notes .	20,400 00
Cohasset Savings Bank	28,500 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, for bridge . . .	6,000 00
Interest bearing debt . . .	$69,900 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

December 31st, 1897.

Due from State for State and Military aid . . .	$567 50	
State, Bank and Corporation taxes . . .	2,000 00	
Pumping plant, Spring Street	1,000 00	
Enos Estate . . .	620 00	
City of Boston . . .	154 97	
City of Cambridge . .	255 10	
Town of Hingham . .	81 03	
Town of Scituate . .	112 55	
Charles H. Willard . .	119 32	
Est. James J. Mulvey .	69 50	
Balance in treasury	11,359 54	
	$16,339 51	
Total debt of Town		$69,900 00
Deduct assets		16,339 51
Actual debt, December 31st, 1897 . .		$53,560 49

ESTIMATES.

Amounts estimated by the Selectmen to be required to meet the expenses of the town for the year 1898 :—

For Payment of Debt	$6,400 00
Payment of Interest	3,000 00
Support of Schools	13,500 00
Support and Relief of the Poor	6,000 00
Highways and Sidewalks	9,000 00
Electric Lights	5,000 00
Water for Hydrants, etc.	2,000 00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	400 00
Town Officers	1,800 00
Watering Streets	1,300 00
Special Police	1,500 00
Fire Department	1,000 00
Removing Snow	500 00
Public Libraries	850 00
Henry Bryant Post, 98, G. A. R.	100 00
Printing	275 00
Straits Pond	200 00
Military Aid	150 00
Inspection of Cattle and Provisions	250 00
Town Hall	600 00
Incidentals	1,000 00
On account New Bridge	1,000 00
Historical Society	1,200 00
	$57,025 00

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Valuation of real estate, 1896	$2,654,590 00
Valuation of personal estate, 1896	1,930,685 00
Total valuation, 1896	$4,585,275 00

Valuation of real estate, 1897 . .	$2,709,846 00
Valuation of personal estate, 1897 .	2,069,490 00
Total valuation, 1897 . .	$4,779,336 00
Increase of real estate, 1897 . .	$55,256 00
Increase of personal estate, 1897 .	138,805 00
Total increase, 1897 . .	$194,061 00
Number of polls, 1897 . . .	635
State tax, 1897	3,360 00
County tax, 1897	4,709 54
Town grant, 1897	34,751 00
Overlayings, 1897	904 68
Total tax assessed	44,285 12
Tax rate per $1,000 . . .	9 00
Number of dwellings assessed, 1897	624
Number of persons assessed, 1897 .	1,009
Number of persons assessed on property, 1897	849
Number of persons assessed on poll tax only	240
Number of horses	435
" " cows	254
" " sheep	none
" " neat cattle . . .	43
" " swine	41
" " bicycles	162
" " fowl	1,217

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN

During the Year 1897.

February,	George D. Silsbee,	Supreme Judicial Court.
March,	Charles F. Bennett,	Grand Juror.
	Robert L. Curtis,	Superior Court.

April,	Franklin Beal,	Superior	Court.
September,	Thomas W. Doyle,	"	"
	C. James Pratt,	"	"
November,	John W. Hunt,	"	"
December,	William Faxon, Jr.,	"	"

LIST OF JURORS.

Submitted to the Town by the Selectmen for its acceptance or revision, at the annual meeting to be held March 7th, 1898.

Abraham J. Antoine,
Edwin Bates,
Arthur S. Bates,
Harry C. Bates,
Isaac W. Beal,
Francis Beal,
Henry E. Brennock,
B. Preston Clark,
Orlando Curtis,
John M. Damon,
Wentworth J. Earle,
John E. F. Frates,
Joseph E. Grassie,
David Hamblin,
Charles H. Hackett,
George P. Tower,
Warren L. Tower,
Manuel P. Valine,
Frederick G. James,
George W. Kimball,
Frederick L. Lincoln,
James D. Lincoln,
Henry L. McMahon,
Arthur Mulvey,
George W. Pratt,
John J. A. Pratt,
John L. Pratt,
John Roche,
George F. Sargent,
Ephraim Snow, Jr.,
Franklin Stoddard,
Willie F. Thayer,
Frank W. Wheelwright,
Otis S. Wilbur,
Alexander Williams, Jr.,
Israel C. Vinal.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Selectmen, as the Board of Health, have but a short report to make.

The town during the past year fortunately has been exempt from any epidemic of contagious diseases, the several cases of such, as reported, having, by the commendable precaution of isolation adopted by the physicians, been limited within the home of the patient.

The following cases have been reported during the year:—

Diphtheria	2
Scarlet Fever	1
Measles	5

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES,
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

REPORT of the OVERSEERS of the POOR.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

The Overseers of the Poor in submitting their annual report of expenditures are pleased to call attention to the decreased cost at the almshouse and also for outside relief. The expense of the insane in hospitals has increased in consequence of increased number of patients. There seems to be no way of lessening this expense unless the town should in the near future, erect a new almshouse, where suitable accommodations could be provided for such cases as are harmlessly insane, and also room for those who are largely assisted outside. The accommodations at present will not permit this being done. Your Overseers believe the present almshouse and farm could be sold for a sum that would nearly cover the cost of erecting new buildings which could be located upon land owned by the town on Pond street. The State Board of Charities in their annual report of visitation to the several almshouses in the Commonwealth have the following concerning our almshouse. "The old building in use by this town as an almshouse is past the time when any repairs and alterations can make it satisfactory. It is kept clean and orderly and as cheerful as possible. It is to be hoped that a satisfactory modern building will shortly be erected. There is no provision for any separation of the sexes, or of the sane from the insane." The Overseers at their monthly visitations have been pleased with the condition in which they have always found the inmates and the house, and believe that in Mr. and Mrs. Tinkham as superintendent and matron we have persons who seem to be well fitted for their positions, that the inmates are as well cared for as possible with the accommodation the house affords, and kindly treated. We hope they may be willing to continue in the service.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid George W. Tinkham, Superintendent	$600 00
Joseph St. John, groceries .	97 64
M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries .	146 23
Gross & Nichols, groceries .	96 99
George O. Higgins & Son, groceries	90 46
C. F. B. Tilden, grain . .	151 40
Philander Bates, boots, shoes, etc. . , . . .	21 11
Cohasset Clothing Co. . .	35 00
Massachusetts Ploughman .	2 00
Harry W. Souther, Globe .	6 00
Frank W. Browne, medicines .	10 17
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., attendance	17 00
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance	75 00
William F. Thayer & Son, meats	81 74
George K. Nickerson, meats .	88 83
Frank E. Winslow, meats .	94 32
D. Sylvester, fish . . .	35 08
Joseph E. Grassie, fish . .	25 65
Andrew H. Prouty, fish . .	4 50
Warren White, fish . .	3 00
Lincoln Brothers, coal . .	50 85
Allen C. Bates, tinware and piping well	54 62
Seaverns & Spear, goods . .	8 45
William O. Souther, ice . .	6 38
Amos E. Tilden, team . .	24 00
Est. F. H. Nichols, dry goods	46 88
Miss L. A. Smith, millinery .	2 69
Chas. F. Tilden, smithing .	45 18
Chas. E. McKenzie, smithing .	5 60
Alban D. Gillis, smithing . .	4 75

Paid Herbert L. Brown, goods . .	$11 00	
Cobb, Aldrich & Co., groceries .	15 37	
William Cutler, baker . .	14 30	
Hutchins & Pink, repairing harness	8 65	
Joseph F. Sylvia, cutting wood .	28 00	
Cyrus R. Keene, plants . .	5 00	
Chas. H. Hackett, wood . .	4 50	
Thomas W. Whitcomb, butchering, etc.	9 00	
Mr. Merritt, filing saws . .	3 00	
J. F. Year, rubber goods . .	5 25	
Shoe Store, Rockland, boots .	2 25	
Caleb S. Beal, masoning . .	1 20	
George H. Barnes, labor . .	2 00	
George W. Tinkham, sundry bills	34 40	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, paint, etc.	52 99	
Philander Bates, services . .	30 00	
Joseph S. Bigelow, services .	20 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, services .	25 00	
		$2,203 43

AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM SALES AND INCOME.

Received from A. H. Tower, Trustee, for board of John J. Lothrop .	$145 99
George W. Mealy, cow . .	45 00
Antoine Grassie, cow . .	30 00
Wentworth J. Earle, use of cow	25 00
George K. Nickerson, veals .	22 02
Thomas W. Whitcomb, pigs .	10 00
Mr. Corthell, poultry . .	19 63
Fred L. Lincoln, poultry . .	2 40
Charles V. Barnes, wood . .	3 00
Elisha Stetson, wood and turnips	2 50

Received from Otis V. Barnes, teaming	$5 50	
Robert T. Burbank, teaming .	1 50	
William V. Creed, turnips . .	50	
George O. Higgins, turnips .	50	
Joseph Lyons, turnips . .	1 00	
Mrs. Henry, turnips . . .	1 00	
Board of 919 tramps . .	367 60	
Benjamin Morse, turnips . .	1 00	
Manuel S. Enos, apples . .	1 00	
Israel C. Vinal, apples . .	1 00	
Removing snow . . .	17 13	
Newcomb B. Tower, hay, milk, etc.	33 84	
George M. Ennice, wood . .	9 00	
Eliza J. Litchfield, wood . .	18 00	
William Dean, wood . . .	5 00	
Manuel Sylvia, 2d, interest .	4 25	
Manuel Sylvia, 2d, balance of mortgage	115 00	
Frank E. Winslow, calf . .	8 16	
Philander Bates, Supt. Streets .	6 75	
		$903 27

Almshouse debit brought forward	$2,203 43	
Almshouse credit brought forward	903 27	
Almshouse debit, net .		$1,300 16

The following persons have been inmates during the full year, 1897:

Elizabeth Hudson, Jane B. Lambert,
Jennie Sterling, William C. Hayden,
John L. Morey, Hester Harris,
John J. Lothrop, boarder.

The following persons have been inmates of the Almshouse a portion of the year:

Charles Harris, David Lyons,
Thomas Williston.

NUMBER OF TRAMPS LODGED.

January	140	July	22
February	112	August	50
March	161	September	30
April	105	October	33
May	65	November	66
June	30	December	105
Total for 1897			919

ASSISTANCE RENDERED OUTSIDE THE ALMSHOUSE.

In Hospitals.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital:—		
Jane C. White	$169 46	
Joanna Colbrith	169 46	
John F. Murphy	42 61	
Lawrence E. Willard	56 18	
Paid Worcester Insane Asylum:—		
Elizabeth J. Dady	169 45	
Julia Macomber	169 48	
Paid Medfield Insane Asylum:—		
Rose A. Burgess	150 76	
Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts:—		
George B. Williams	146 00	
		$1,073 40

Mrs. Manuel F. Bandura.

Paid, Assistance to Western Islands	18 00

Mrs. George Damon and child.

Paid Town Orders	$33 50	
O. H. Howe, M. D., attendance	35 00	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., attendance	13 75	
Delia Rooney, nursing . .	14 00	
Frank W. Browne, medicines, etc.	10 55	
Philander Bates, shoes . .	3 75	
Tower, Bros. & Co., coal .	2 00	
		$112 55

Emma Barnes and family.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$60 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . . .	11 68	
Cohasset Clothing Co. . .	8 00	
Philander Bates, shoes . .	60	
O. H. Howe, M. D., attendance.	75	
		$81 03

Mrs. Sabra W. Clark.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$96 00	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., attendance	24 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . . .	15 50	
		$135 50

Charles Harris.

Paid Town of Orange . . .		$2 80

Mrs. Mary M. Estes.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		$100 00

Mrs. Mary McGrath and family.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$60 00	
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance	19 00	
Philander Bates, shoes, etc. .	13 85	
		$92 85

Southward Pratt.

Paid Mrs. Roxanna Creed on account of board	$130 00	
Philander Bates, repairing shoes	90	
		$130 90

Three Children of Anthony Anderson.

Paid Mrs. Marianna Anderson, on account of board . . .	$165 00	

Mrs. Mary Desmond.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$54 00	

Joseph J. Sylvia and family.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$56 00	

Louis J. Frates and family.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$18 00	
T. L. Litchfield, groceries . .	12 00	
Antoine Andrews, moving furniture	5 00	
Alvan Hollis, coal . . .	7 50	
George L. Newcomb, M. D., attendance	5 25	
		$47 75

Joseph E. Smith and family.

Paid Lot W. Bates, house rent .	$40 00	
H. L. Brown, groceries . .	118 10	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal . .	16 75	
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance	4 00	
		$178 85

Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Burbank and child.

Paid Lot W. Bates, house rent . .	$40 00	
H. L. Brown, groceries . .	134 41	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal . .	30 96	
Edwin Bates, wood . .	20 50	
Order on Town Treasurer . .	20 00	
Geo. K. Nickerson, meats .	26 99	

Paid Philander Bates, boots, etc. .	$7 39	
O. H. Howe, M. D., attendance	29 50	
Samuel E. Pratt, milk . .	11 75	
		$321 50

Family of Henry L. Bates.

Paid Ellen A. Pratt, Weymouth, groceries	$208 00	
Jotham Salisbury, Weymouth, house rent	96 00	
T. H. Emerson, Weymouth, coal and wood	36 75	
W. E. Rice, Weymouth, undertaker	28 00	
A. B. Litchfield, digging grave .	3 00	
Philander Bates, boots, etc. .	33 65	
Cohasset Clothing Co. . .	24 50	
E. N. Mayberry, M. D. attendance	11 00	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., attendance	3 00	
H. L. Brown, groceries . .	4 00	
Antoine Andrews, moving furniture	8 00	
		$455 90

William H. Litchfield and family.

Paid Stoddard & Damon, groceries .	$199 75	
Seaverns & Spear, groceries .	7 35	
Thomas Ward, meats . .	12 75	
Philander Bates, boots, etc. .	3 28	
Lincoln Brothers, coal and wood	48 97	
O. H. Howe, M. D., attendance	10 00	
Cohasset Clothing Co. . .	2 75	
		$284 85

Clayton S. Williams and family.

Paid Town of Stoughton . , .		$17 63

Rose Andrews and Mary J. Violante.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries .	$104 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal . .	3 00	
		$107 00

Thomas Donovan and family.

Paid City of Boston . . .		$26 45

Frank J. and Ellen Pratt.

Paid City of Boston . . .		$10 95

Elsie Roche.

Paid City of Boston . . .		$17 00

Carrie A. Litchfield.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer for child		$40 00

William Dean and family.

Paid Joseph St. John, groceries .	$91 50	
William F. Thayer & Son, meats	20 40	
F. E. Winslow, meats . .	12 50	
Elmer E. Bates, milk . .	15 27	
Charles A. Studley, house rent, 1896	39 00	
Lot W. Bates, house rent . .	30 00	
George W. Kimball, milk, 1896	10 43	
Manuel Almeida, care of Mr. Dean	1 50	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., attendance	59 50	
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance	2 00	
Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital	4 00	
Philander Bates, boots, etc. .	10 95	
Cohasset Clothing Co. . .	80	
Frank W. Browne, medicines .	7 70	
Emma Powers, nursing . .	14 00	
Lincoln Brothers, coal . .	30 85	
Almshouse, wood . . .	5 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber .	40	
Mrs. T. W. Whitcomb, nursing	10 00	

Paid T. W. Whitcomb, care of Mr. Dean	$6 00	
Mary A. Vargus, cleaning	2 00	
A. B. Litchfield, fares, etc.	24 50	
Taunton Lunatic Hospital	85 42	
		$483 72

Caroline Sylvia.

Paid C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance		$56 00

Edith Tower.

Paid C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance		$16 00

Mrs. Frank Antoine.

Paid C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance		$17 00

John E. Groce.

Paid order on Town Treasurer		$5 00

David McNeil and family.

Paid S. H. Spaulding, M. D., attendance		$9 00

Frank E. Salvador.

Paid Manuel F. Antoine, nursing	$59 50	
Mass. Homœopathic Hospital	13 25	
		$72 75

Joseph T. Sheridan.

Paid County of Norfolk, truant school		$55 77

Mrs. Henry L. Morris.

Paid John Pratt, agent, house rent, 1896	$20 00	
John Pratt, agent, house rent	40 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal	33 26	
Edwin Bates, wood	17 50	
O. H. Howe, M. D., attendance	5 00	
		$115 76

Antoine Vargus, Jr., and family.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries .	$52 78	
D. J. Bates & Co., groceries .	24 00	
D. J. Bates, house rent . .	25 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . . .	33 12	
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance	5 50	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., attendance	3 00	
Philander Bates, boots . .	4 80	
		$148 20

Frank W. Lane and family.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, flour . .	$3 35	
Lincoln Bros., coal . . .	4 62	
Louise A. Wheelwright, rent .	40 00	
		$47 97

Manuel Bandura.

Paid George W. Kimball, milk, 1896		$2 31

Amiel Studley and wife.

Paid H. E. Fernald, M. D., attendance	$17 00	
George O. Higgins & Son, groceries	12 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal . .	4 00	
Charles H. Willard, agent, house rent	7 00	
		$40 00

Mrs. Wm. J. McMenamin and family.

Paid George O. Higgins & Son groceries	$129 94	
Charles H. Willard, agent, house rent	58 50	
Tower Bros. & Co., wood and coal	34 93	
Lincoln Bros., coal . . .	4 88	
Philander Bates, boots, etc. .	14 85	

Paid Cohasset Clothing Co. . .	$1 00	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., attendance	11 00	
		$255 10

George F. Munnies and family.

Paid O. H. Howe, M. D., attendance		$9 00

John J. Ainslee and family.

Paid H. E. Fernald, M. D., attendance	$62 00	
Maggie Thompson, nursing .	40 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., wood and coal	15 85	
		$117 85

Overseers' Services.

Paid Philander Bates, services and expenses	$55 85	
Joseph S. Bigelow, services .	20 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, services .	25 00	
Estate Amos E. Tilden, barge .	9 50	
		$110 35
Total amount of outside payments . .		$5,091 69

Outside Credits.

Amount due from City of Cambridge	$255 10	
City of Boston .	154 97	
Town of Hingham	81 03	
Charles H. Willard	56 18	
Town of Scituate .	112 55	
Joseph S. Enos, interest . .	55 80	
		$715 63
Outside assistance debit brought forward	$5,091 69	
Outside assistance credit brought forward	715 63	
Outside assistance net . . .		$4,376 06

Summary—Overseers of the Poor Account.

Almshouse balance	$1,300 16	
Outside balance	4,376 06	
Total cost of poor . .	———	$5,676 22

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES,
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
Overseers of the Poor.

Cohasset, December 31, 1897.

RECAPITULATION—1897.

ITEMS.	Orders Drawn.	Credits.	Net Expenditures.	Appropriation.	With No Appropriation.	Excess of Appropriation.	Less Than Appropriation.
Soldiers' and Sailors' relief	$ 475 70		$ 475 70	$ 400 00		$ 75 70	
State and Military aid	699 50	$ 567 50	132 00	150 00			$ 18 00
Water for hydrants, public buildings, etc	1,950 00		1,950 00	2,000 00			50 00
Street watering plant, Spring street	1,250 77		1,250 77		$ 1,250 77		
Watering streets	1,260 21		1,260 21	1,200 00		60 21	
Repairs of highways, etc., and special	8,200 00		8,200 00	8,200 00			
Removing snow	926 38		926 38	1,000 00			73 62
Street lights	5,000 00		5,000 00	5,000 00			
Town hall building	2,218 08	107 75	2,110 33	1,500 00		610 33	
Henry Bryant Post, No. 98, G. A. R.	100 00		100 00	100 00			
Enforcement of liquor law	124 07		124 07	500 00			375 93
Support of schools	13,500 00		13,500 00	13,500 00			
Inspection of cattle, meat and provisions	250 00		250 00	250 00			
State and county taxes	8,069 54		8,069 54	8,569 54			500 00
Fire alarm bell—M. E. Church	100 00		100 00	100 00			
Fire department and special	1,118 69		1,118 69	1,050 00		68 69	
Abatement on taxes	1,187 43		1,187 43		1,187 43		
Straits Pond	163 33		163 33	250 00			86 67
Printing	257 15		257 15	250 00		7 15	
Pond street cemetery	500 00		500 00	500 00			
Iron bridges	319 30		319 30		319 30		
Gulf river gate	482 65		482 65		482 65		
Public libraries	950 00		950 00	950 00			

RECAPITULATION—*Continued.*

ITEMS.	Orders Drawn.	Credits.	Net Expenditures.	Appropriation.	With No Appropriation.	Excess of Appropriation.	Less Than Appropriation.
Parker avenue	$ 369 23		$ 369 23	$ 500 00			$ 130 77
Receiving tomb	280 45		280 45	100 00		$ 180 45	
Night police	1,480 00		1,480 00	1,500 00			20 00
Alewife fisheries	19 37		19 37	100 00			80 63
State road—First section	4,914 05	$ 3,024 09	1,889 96		$ 1,889 96		
Town officers	1,791 42		1,791 42	1,800 00			8 58
Incidentals	1,181 41		1,181 41	1,000 00		181 41	
Support and relief of poor	7,295 12	1,618 90	5,676 22	6,500 00			823 78
Fire-proof vault				500 00			
Totals	$66,433 85	$ 5,318 24	$61,115 61	$57,469 54	$ 5,130 11	$1,183 94	$ 2,167 98

PHILANDER BATES,
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

Cohasset, December 31, 1897.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Board of Selectmen:—

Gentlemen,—The work of repairing the roads the past year has been carried on at a disadvantage as compared with that of 1896, from the fact that no material was prepared ready for use in the early part of the season. A part of the material required has been taken from the gravel pit of the estate of E. E. Tower, which, from its being composed largely of stone, necessitated the running of the crusher in order to obtain fine material. The crusher was hired of the trustee, and the work of carting to and removing the material from the crusher was done by the men and teams employed on the highways. The expense of the same showed that Mr. Tower had been generous in price of material, although he had the advantage of having the work done at a time of the year when labor was very much cheaper. Material has also been purchased, prepared, of Arthur Mulvey, the account as rendered showing the number of yards taken from each place. The cost of carting in the village and shore sections of our roads is so large that none but prepared material can be used to any advantage. Special work was done upon the hill, near the residence of William Hanlon, on the Jerusalem road, by which the hill was lowered and the grade changed by filling in at the foot with the smaller stones, while the large pieces were taken to Pleasant Beach and used to strengthen the breakwater. The hill leading from Forest avenue was also very much improved by raising the road at its junction with Jerusalem road, thus changing the grade. A section of Beechwood street, near the residence of

Thomas A. Bates, was trenched and filled with stone so that another spring as the frost comes out there will be no difficulty in passing over it. At the annual meeting an extra appropriation of two hundred dollars was made for special repairs and widening on King street, between the Almshouse and L. Lincoln Worrick's. This work was done in the latter part of the season, and as the amount expended exceeded the appropriation, I have included it in the highway account. The contemplated improvement of Pond street was postponed as the heavy rains of last summer required extra work upon roads where the travel is much greater. In closing my account for 1897 I find the amount expended over the appropriation to be three hundred and fifty-six dollars and thirteen cents, which will be paid from the appropriation of 1898. I can see no way of lessening the appropriation for the coming year, and would recommend that it be the same as last year, as special repairs are needed in several places.

The following is a statement of appropriations and amounts paid sundry persons for labor, teams, gravel, crushed stone, posts, lumber, drain pipe, etc

Amount of balance as per last report . . .		$ 27 75
" " treasurer as per orders . . .		8,200 00
" " Elliot Stoddard, use of drills . .		2 00
		$8,229 75
Amount paid as per report		$8,202 00
" balance		$27 75
Paid Philander Bates, due account, 1896	$146 91	
Manuel R. Silvey, due account, 1896	77 70	
Otis V. Barnes, due account, 1896	50 00	
Stephen Reilly, due account, 1896	75 00	
William Mulvey, due account, 1896	31 50	

Paid Charles E. McKenzie, due account, 1896	$16 87
George E. Antoine, due account, 1896	4 00
Samuel L. Williams, due account, 1896	8 00
Horace J. Damon, due account, 1896	10 00
C. H. Eastman, due account, 1896	4 00
Mrs. G. P. Pratt, due account, 1896	2 38
Estate Alden Beal, team . .	298 25
George W. Mealy, " . .	232 50
Joseph Jason, " . .	299 48
William Mulvey, " . .	194 75
William W. Bates, " . .	12 25
Frank W. Wheelwright, team .	85 00
John Smith, " .	14 00
Oliver H. Bates, " .	14 00
Samuel E. Pratt, " .	22 50
Edwin W. Bates, " . .	89 75
Levi Lincoln, " .	5 00
Frank Stoddard, " .	87 17
Manuel S. Leonard, " .	153 68
Louis T. Cushing, " .	65 00
Almshouse " .	6 75
Estate James O'Brien, " .	91 00
Benjamin F. Morse, " .	24 00
George Jason, " .	123 25
Estate A. E. Tilden, " .	227 25
Thos. Loney, " .	10 50
Elmer E. Bates, " .	80 00
L. Lincoln Worrick, " .	24 75
James D. Lincoln, " .	91 98
William O. Souther, " .	10 00
Horace J. Damon, " .	66 50
Ira N. Pratt, " .	30 50

Paid C. F. B. Tilden, team . .	$1 50
Waldo C. Locke, " . .	70 63
Waldo C. Locke, 127 loads gravel	15 87
John W. Bates, cedar posts .	14 69
John W. Bates, team . .	49 33
Joseph W. Whitcomb, team .	10 00
Joseph W Whitcomb, gravel .	10 32
Isaiah Lincoln, team and gravel	32 13
C. W. Gammons, Trustee, team	212 50
C. W. Gammons, Trustee, 220 yards broken stone . .	220 00
C. W. Gammons, Trustee, 883 yards stone and gravel . .	194 41
C. W. Gammons, Trustee, use of crusher - - . .	262 50
Arthur Mulvey, team . .	35 00
Arthur Mulvey, 310 yards stone	215 00
Arthur Mulvey, 491½ yards screened gravel . . .	433 40
Arthur Mulvey, 155¾ yards screened gravel, delivered .	250 84
Lot W. Bates, team . . .	12 50
Lot W. Bates, gravel . .	25 78
Alson S. Richardson, labor .	31 75
Mark McCormack, " . .	23 50
Charles L. Kittrell, " . .	34 00
Joseph F. Priest, " . .	49 75
Richard Caddan, " . .	4 00
John Flemming, " . .	18 00
Clarence Studley, " . .	4 00
Mathew Markwick, " . .	20 00
Charles Curtis, " . .	20 00
Andrew H. Prouty, " . .	30 50
John O'Brien, " . .	32 00
Nathaniel R. Prouty, " . .	46 00
Joseph A. Antoine, " . .	50 00
Manuel Oliver, " . .	42 00
Joseph Frates, " . .	50 00

Paid Manuel Silvey, 3d,	labor .	$46 55
Levi Tower,	" . .	60 00
Thomas A. Bates,	" . .	22 50
Henry Bates,	" . .	54 00
Manuel P. Valine	" . .	56 21
Charles J. McCarty	" . .	11 00
William B. Taylor	" . .	12 00
James H. Morris,	" . .	13 45
Frank L. Bates,	" . .	20 44
Lewis L. Wheelwright,	" . .	15 55
Henry Stoddard,	" . .	1 00
S. Chester Pratt,	" . .	20 50
George Arnold,	" . .	3 00
Edwin Bates,	" . .	39 00
Ellery C. Bates,	" . .	2 00
Silas D. Litchfield,	" . .	10 00
Charles B. Wood,	" . .	7 00
Elijah Lincoln,	" . .	14 00
Samuel V. Hardwick,	" . .	25 00
Albert H. White,	" . .	6 00
John H. Wilbur,	" . .	81 00
Patrick Donahue,	" . .	34 50
Fred G. James,	" . .	179 00
George W. Morse,	" . .	81 00
Frank M. Nichols,	" . .	47 00
Manuel E. Brazill,	" . .	55 00
George F. Sargent,	" . .	46 67
George M. Ennice,	" . .	56 00
Cyrus R. Keene,	" . .	5 00
Thomas Mulcahay,	" . .	21 00
John Roderick,	" . .	11 00
Frank Silvey,	" . .	17 00
Joseph Caton,	" . .	80 00
Charles Hackett,	" . .	10 00
Sanford L. Damon	" . .	17 00
Joseph F. Silvey,	" . .	4 00
Otis V. Barnes,	" . .	202 50
Manuel R. Silvey,	" . .	279 25

Paid Stephen Reilly, labor . .	$82 00	
Philander Bates, Supt. . .	493 87	
Tower Bros. & Co., drain pipe, etc.	52 29	
Charles E. McKenzie, smithing	10 40	
Charles F. Tilden, drills and smithing	66 90	
Allen C. Bates, tools, etc. .	37 07	
Aaron Pratt, gravel . . .	3 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . . .	1 50	
Gross & Nichols, rendrock, etc.	40 28	
Record & Russell, concrete walk	418 00	
George H. Sampson, battery .	22 50	
		$8,202 00

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES, *Supt.*

REPORT

OF

THE TOWN TREASURER.

TOGETHER WITH

The Reports of the Librarian and Treasurer of the Free Public Library.

Report of the Committee on Town History, and the Report of the Auditor.

Report of Inspector of Animals and Provisions, and Report of Board of Engineers.

Dr. TOWN OF COHASSET, in Account

1897—1898.

To paid orders of Selectmen for the past year .	$42,965	58
Appropriation for support of schools .	13,500	00
Additional customary items for schools .	303	86
State and Military aid	699	50
Abatements by Assessors . . .	1,187	43
State of Massachusetts, tax 1897 . .	3,360	00
County of Norfolk, tax 1897 . . .	4,709	54
State Treasurer, one-fourth part of sixth class liquor license		25
Cohasset Savings Bank, Osgood school house note, due 1897 . . .	3,000	00
Cohasset Savings Bank, demand notes, 1895	11,000	00
Cohasset Savings Bank, bridge note, 1897	1,000	00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, note due 1897	3,400	00
Atlas National Bank, hired money, 1897	20,000	00
Interest on notes of Town, 1897 . .	3,524	48
	$108,650	64
Balance in treasury carried forward . . .	11,359	54
	$120,010	18

Cohasset, January, 1898.

With ABRAHAM H. TOWER, Treasurer. Cr.

1897—1898.

By balance in treasury from former account . .	$9,429 92
Corporation tax, 1896, additional . . .	6,862 95
Corporation tax, 1897	17,529 33
National Bank tax, 1897	2,317 95
State and Military aid, 1897	534 00
Norfolk County dog licenses, 1896 . .	260 91
Norfolk County seal bounty, refunded . .	9 00
City of Boston, 1896 and previous . .	208 00
City of Cambridge	289 80
Town of Hingham	123 85
Town of Holliston	33 50
Town of Hull (boundary stone) . . .	8 00
Town of Scituate (boundary stone) . .	21 50
Joseph J. Bates, income Town Hall . .	39 00
Wm. T. Tilden, " " " December	26 00
Fred L. Lane, peddler's license . . .	8 00
Beal, Lincoln & Pratt, auctioneer license .	5 00
Nickerson & Whitcomb, slaughter license .	2 00
Frank W. Browne, 6th class liquor license .	1 00
East Norfolk District Court, fines, fees, etc. .	11 74
C. Lothrop, agent, fire damage, Town Hall .	30 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State highway loan fund	3,024 09
Manuel Sylvia, 2d balance note in full . .	115 00
" " interest on note . . .	4 25
Jos. S. Enos, interest to Jan. 1, 1898 . .	55 80
Jos. E. Howard, furnace, Town House . .	20 00
Elmer E. Bates, old flooring, etc., Town House	12 75
N. B. Tower, old topmast	2 00
A. H. Tower, Trustee, board J. J. Lothrop .	145 99
Almshouse sales and credits	270 43
Interest on delinquent taxes and deposits .	275 55
Interest of Ripley fund, 1897 . . .	40 40
Cohasset Savings Bank, loan, 1897 . .	14,000 00
Atlas National Bank, loan, 1897 . . .	20,000 00
Assessors' tax list 1897	44,292 47
	$120,010 18

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The library opened every library day with the exception of three holidays.

The number of books and magazines issued was 9,149, the largest delivery being on November 27th of 116, and the smallest on February 25th of 14.

Number of books added the past year: by donation, 159; by purchase, 216; by binding magazines, 60. Entire number in the library, 6,017.

Gifts of books have been received from Rev. Joseph Osgood, D.D., Rev. William R. Cole, Dr. C. B. Tower, Miss Tower, Mr. Frank Bates, Miss Bates, Mrs. E. C. Frothingham, Mr. A. Williams, Mr. J. S. Bigelow, Messrs. F. S. and C. H. Pratt, Mr. R. C. Winthrop, Jr.,—state and government.

The library has been presented with a gift of $300 from Dr. David W. Cheever of Boston, a summer resident of Cohasset, to be called the "Marion Cheever Fund." It is to be invested in books of a scientific nature, as a memorial of his daughter, who was a great lover of scientific studies, and who died at Cohasset the past year.

Classification of reading the past year:—

History and Biography	393
Travels and Geography	214
Fiction	6,972
Literature and Poetry	181
Science and Art	40
Agriculture	26
Religion	12
Magazines	1,311
	9,149

SARAH B. COLLIER, *Librarian.*

COHASSET, January, 1898.

COPY OF DR. CHEEVER'S LETTER ACCOMPANYING HIS MEMORIAL GIFT.

JANUARY 1, 1898.

TO THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES OF THE COHASSET LIBRARY:

GENTLEMEN.—Twenty years of my daughter's life were passed every summer in Cohasset. She was very fond of it and of the sea. She had for three years been pursuing scientific studies in the Technological Institute.

I know she would have been much pleased if she could have planted the seed of scientific inquiry in one child's mind in Cohasset. If you feel like accepting this money on the conditions suggested, please sign the enclosed receipt and keep a copy of it for your guidance.

Very truly yours,

DAVID W. CHEEVER.

COPY OF RECEIPT.

JANUARY 1, 1898.

Received of David W. Cheever three hundred dollars, a legacy to the Cohasset Library from Marion Cheever, to be expended in purchasing books on Natural Science, Natural History, Physical Geography, Biology, Geology, Marine Natural History and similar subjects.

Of this amount thirty dollars to be expended annually for ten years. The name of the donor to be inscribed in each book.

Signed, A. H. TOWER,
Treasurer.

Dr. COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY in account with A. H. TOWER, Treasurer. Cr.

1897—1898.		1897—1898.	
To paid Damrell & Upham, books	$162 16	By balance from former account	$10 02
Estes & Lauriat, books and subscription	48 05	Town's appropriation, 1897	850 00
Jordan, Marsh & Co., books	1 55	Ladies Charitable Society, rent	25 00
William H. Guild & Co., magazines, etc.	12 95	Librarian's receipts for fines, etc.	24 61
F. J. Barnard & Co., binding, etc.	68 43		
C. F. B. Tilden, freight and express	2 36		
Allen C. Bates, repairs	3 55		
E. B. Silliman, matting and freight	45 50		
Abm. A. Valine, laying matting	4 00		
Expressage on books	1 20		
Coal and wood bills	30 96		
Electric lights	60 00		
Expense by librarian	7 21		
Luther J. Bates, janitor	60 00		
Sarah B. Collier, librarian.	350 00		
Book reserve fund	40 00		
Balance to new account	11 71		
	$909 63		$909 63

JANUARY, 1898.

A. H. TOWER, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TOWN HISTORY.

The committee has an unusual amount of progress to report for the past year and has therefore deemed it advisable to have its report printed.

During the past year we have received many additions to our collection of historical relics and have added one new show case, better to accommodate them. We have also re-arranged the whole collection. The Indian relics have notably increased in number and now occupy a case by themselves. It is our hope that many other articles connected with the history of our town and illustrating ancient usages will now be contributed to make our collection more complete and interesting. Most of the articles we have gathered are presented for that purpose. A few are loaned. In regard to the latter, the fact that they are loaned is stated on the label and the owner can have the article back whenever he wishes.

It has been the desire of the committee sometime to bring about the writing of a history of Cohasset. For a long time this did not seem practicable. We had principally in mind the manner in which the history of Hingham was written—by a number of persons, each preparing a portion of the history. It appeared to be impossible to find such a number of persons in Cohasset who could devote sufficient time to the task; on the other hand, no one person had volunteered to write the whole history. At length, one of our number, Rev. E. Victor Bigelow, ventured to begin a narrative history of the town, and read a chapter of it to the committee; upon which the committee requested him to continue his work, with the assurance that such a narrative as he had begun would receive the hearty support of the town. Since that time he has

produced and read to the committee on town history, for their advice, correction and approval, thirteen more chapters, and is now nearing the end of the undertaking. It is the hope of the committee thus to secure for the town a worthy history of Cohasset, containing about four hundred pages of printed matter with some fifty illustrations and maps, making a book of about the size of one volume of the history of Hingham. It would contain two folding maps, one showing the original grants of land in 1671, the so-called "Three Divisions." The other map would represent the town as it is to-day and would be largely reproduced from the recent government coast survey work.

The preparation of the genealogy of Cohasset families has been placed by the committee in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Davenport. This genealogical work will need much further time for its completion and when finished, will naturally require a separate volume for its publication.

Of the Narrative History, the titles of the chapters, including those finished and those in prospect, are as follows:

I. What and Where.
II. Making the Rock Bottom.
III. How the Gravel and Loam Came.
IV. Clothed with Vegetation.
V. The Aborigines.
VI. Quonahassit Pioneers.
VII. A Bone of contention.
VIII. Dividing the Land.
IX. The First Homes.
X. The Autonomy of a Precinct.
XI. Industries and Firesides.
XII. "An Highway shall be there and a Way."
XIII. Separation from Hingham.
XIV. The Revolutionary War.
XV. The War of 1812.
XVI. Church and School.
XVII. The Fishing Industry.
XVIII. Stage-coach and Railway.
XIX. The Civil War.
XX. Up to Date.

The author has been very painstaking and thorough in his examination of materials for the history; has searched the archives at the State House, the county and town records, as well as many private stores of information, documentary and otherwise, put at his service by individuals. The committee heartily recommend the work to the town, and give assurance that it will be a popular, readable history, such as every reader in the town will enjoy and highly prize.

The work will be finished within a few months, so that it may be published before the annual town meeting in 1899. The town of Hingham appropriated seven thousand dollars for the publication of its history. The expense of publishing this book (an edition of seven hundred copies), as ascertained by the careful estimates of several large publishing firms, will be about twelve hundred dollars. The committee consider this a liberal estimate, sufficient to cover any unforeseen expenses for this part of the work, although it is possible that it might not all be needed. The committee think it desirable to have the book sold at about cost, so that it will be within the reach of every inhabitant of the town.

The committee respectfully recommend that the sum of twelve hundred dollars be appropriated for the purpose of publishing a history of Cohasset, and that the details of publication and sale of the book be in charge of the present Committee on Town History.

JOSEPH OSGOOD, *Chairman*,
AARON PRATT,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
IRA B. PRATT,
E. P. COLLIER,
GEO. W. COLLIER,
E. VICTOR BIGELOW,
OLIVER H. HOWE, *Secretary*

COHASSET, Jan. 11, 1898.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

I have examined the several accounts of Selectmen, Treasurer, Superintendent of Streets, School Committee and Fire Engineers for 1897, and find as follows :—

Balance in Treasury from 1896 .	$9,429 92	
Sundry receipts per Treasurer's acct.	32,287 79	
Hired money in 1897 . . .	34,000 00	
Tax list in 1897	44,292 47	
		$120,010 18
Amount of Selectmen's orders, etc. .	$66,422 05	
Dog license money, etc., school acct.	304 11	
Payment of notes	18,400 00	
Payment hired money . . .	20,000 00	
Payment interest	3,524 48	
Balance in Treasury . . .	11,359 54	
		$120,010 18

WENTWORTH J. EARLE. *Auditor.*

COHASSET, Jan. 31, 1898.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS.

To the Selectmen :—

The order for a general inspection of stables and farm animals for 1897 was issued by the commission in March, to be finished and returns made on or before May 1.

On receipt of instructions I commenced a close and careful examination of all buildings and animals as required, and found no appearance of contagious disease. The animals were healthy, clean and in good condition; the stables clean and well kept. I made returns to the commission May 1, as required, on blank forms, and received a note from the chairman congratulating us on the condition of our farm animals.

I present you a concise statement of examinations :—

Stables examined	121
Cattle "	326
Swine "	44
Sheep "	1
Animals killed at licensed abbattoirs and examined	111
on owner's premises	4

In the summer season our town requires a large amount of provisions, fruit and vegetables, and as far as I have been able to judge, the supply has been of a quality good and perfectly satisfactory.

Respectfully,

CALEB F. NICHOLS,

Inspector.

January, 1898.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

To the Selectmen of Cohasset:—

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the requirements of the Public Statutes, the gentlemen appointed by your honorable Board to constitute the Board of Engineers of the Cohasset Fire Department for the year ending April 30th, 1898, met at the house of Engine Company No. 1, on the evening of May 4th, 1897, and organized by the choice of officers as follows:—

Chief Engineer, Harry E. Mapes; First Assistant Chief, Henry E. Brennock; Second Assistant Chief, Alson S. Richardson; Clerk, William E. Crocker.

During the year additions and improvements have been made to the apparatus, which we feel has greatly benefited the department and the town. Three ladders have been added to the equipment of truck No. 1, two 3-gallon extinguishers placed on Hose truck No. 1, one 10-gallon extinguisher added to the equipment of Ladder truck No. 2, and another 3-gallon extinguisher placed in the house of Engine No. 1. A pair of horse blankets have been placed on each of the three pieces of apparatus in the centre of the town, which fills a long felt want, and several minor additions have been made to equipment of the several pieces of apparatus.

During the past year the department has been called to answer nine alarms, several being serious fires and also expensive ones to the department, the principal one being at North Cohasset, May 14th, when the Hingham and Hull departments answered a box alarm which was pulled in by some unknown person, and as the fire was in this town, this department was obliged to stand the ex-

pense to which they were put, which argues strongly for some kind of fire alarm service being put into our outlying districts by this town.

We again respectfully call the attention of the citizens of the town to the need of more hydrants, and particularly to the necessity of one in the square in front of the railroad station.

We respectfully recommend that the sum of $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated by the town at its next annual meeting in March, for the necessary running expenses for the ensuing year, which includes firemens poll taxes, salaries of stewards, horses to fires, and the various items of minor importance which efficiency of the department demands.

FIRE RECORD.

1897.—

January 22. Alarm at 8.45 P. M. for fire in small barn on premises of Dr. W. S. Bryant, Snow place. Totally destroyed. Loss, $500.

April 1. Alarm at 6.45 P. M. for fire in shed in rear of residence of Mr. N. B. Tower. Damage, about $35

May 7. Alarm at 8.50 P. M. for fire in stable on Sohier street, on premises of Mr. Charles S. Bates. Partially destroyed. Damage, $750.

May 14. Fire at about 3 A. M. in market on Hull street, North Cohasset, belonging to F. E. Carter, of Boston. Loss on building and contents, $3,500. No alarm given in Cohasset.

July 30. Slight fire in building on Main street, owned by Corinna A. Ellms, caused by lightning. Damage, $16. No alarm.

July 31. False alarm.

September 30. Alarm at 3.30 P. M. for fire in house owned and occupied by Waldo Locke, King street. Totally destroyed. Loss, $1,000.

October 13. Alarm at 8.30 A. M. for fire in Town Hall. Damage, $100.

November 27. False alarm.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

For the year ending December 31, 1897, orders have been drawn by this board for the payment of bills as follows :—

Engineer's Department.

Paid A. H. Tower, Treasurer, seven poll taxes	$14 00	
C. F. B. Tilden, two carriages .	5 00	
		$19 00

Engine No. 1.

Paid A. H. Tower, Treasurer, nine poll taxes	$18 00	
B. S. Treat, Clerk, services of company at fires . . .	15 00	
George W. Souther, Clerk, services of company at fires .	20 00	
H. W. Lincoln, Steward, services January 1 to May 1 . .	10 00	
F. C. Blossom, Steward, services May 1 to November 1 . .	15 00	
C. F. B. Tilden, horses to fires, cartage, etc. . . .	13 25	
A. C. Bates, hardware and supplies	2 49	
C. F. Tilden, repairs to reel .	3 50	
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Company, blankets and exguisher	27 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal and wood .	12 25	
H. W. Lincoln, setting glass .	40	
C. E. McKenzie, labor on bell .	2 50	
		$139 39

Hose No. 1.

Paid A. H. Tower, Treasurer, twelve poll taxes	$24 00	
T. A. Rich, Clerk, services of company at fires . . .	35 00	

Paid A. J. Morris, Steward, services January 1 to May 1 . .	$13 33	
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Company, blankets, extinguishers, gong, etc. . .	107 50	
Estate of A. E. Tilden, horses to fires, carting, etc. . . .	32 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal, wood and supplies	27 87	
H. E. Brennock, making brackets for extinguishers . .	13 32	
H. E. Brennock, labor on water pipe	75	
S. D. Tower, repairing paint on running gear. . . .	16 00	
Cousens & Pratt, canvass curtain for tower . . .	7 00	
W. J. Brennock, repairs to wagon	2 75	
C. F. Tilden, repairs to wagon .	2 05	
C. A. Slade, leather straps for extinguishers . . .	1 10	
		$282 67

LADDER NO. 1.

Paid A. H. Tower, Treasurer, twelve poll taxes	$24 00	
J. J. Grassie, Clerk, services of company at fires . . .	35 00	
J. Jason, horses to fires . .	45 00	
George Jason, horses to fires .	5 00	
C. Callahan Co., ladder hooks and wheel jack . . .	9 25	
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Company, blankets and ladders	47 00	
C. F. B. Tilden, carting ladders, brass polish, etc. . . .	2 55	

Paid H. E. Brennock, repairing ladder and pole	$1 50	
W. J. Brennock, lettering boots	75	
		$170 05

LADDER NO. 2.

Paid A. H. Tower, Treasurer, 8 poll taxes	$16 00	
S. C. Pratt, Steward, services January 1 to October 1 . .	15 76	
Samuel Stoddard, Clerk, services of company at fires . .	10 00	
Boston W. H. & R. Co., extinguisher, badges, key box, etc	27 25	
S. E. Pratt, horses to fires .	10 00	
J. W. Bates, " " . .	5 00	
Frank Stoddard, repairs to truck	3 35	
Tower Bros. & Co., supplies .	62	
		$87 98

HOSE NO. 2.

Paid A. H. Tower, Treasurer, 2 poll taxes	$4 00	
C. Callahan Co., 1 pipe . .	13 50	
A. J. Morris, cleaning hose .	2 00	
C. E. West, supplies . .	2 50	
		$22 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid C.W. H. Moulton, 200 feet hose	$100 00	
Town of Hingham, services of department at fire May 14th .	33 00	
Town of Hull, services of department at fire May 14th . .	17 50	
Boston W. H. & R. Co., 1 Hart nozzle	25 00	
H. E. Mapes, clerk, freight, express, printing and postage .	13 50	

Paid Estate of W. H. Beal, leather belts and straps . . .	$16 65	
F. W. Browne, chemicals . .	4 90	
W. J. Brennock, watching fires .	7 50	
F. A. Wilcutt, " " .	3 00	
G. E. Antoine, " " .	3 00	
A. J. Morris, " " .	3 00	
M. Coughlin, " " .	3 00	
G. W. Beal, " " .	2 00	
H. L. McMahon, " " .	3 00	
J. J. Grassie, " " .	3 00	
		$238 05
Appropriation for year		$900 00
Total expenditures for year		959 14
Amoünt expended in excess of appropriation .		$59 14

H. E. MAPES,
W. E. CROCKER,
H. E. BRENNOCK,
A. S. RICHARDSON,
A. B. LITCHFIELD,
Board of Engineers.

Attest:
(Signed) W. E. CROCKER, *Clerk.*

REPORT

OF

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FOR THE YEAR 1897.

The School Committee herewith respectfully submits its annual report to the citizens of the town.

The past year has been without special incident in the schools. Teachers and scholars have been working in harmony, and the results obtained have been in consequence very satisfactory. The teaching force is the same as at the date of our last report with three exceptions, the sixth and seventh grades in the Osgood School being now under the charge of Miss Dunham and Mr. Ernest W. Robinson, respectively, who are filling their positions to the satisfaction of the Committee. Miss M. A. Pearson, who was appointed Supervisor of drawing in 1892, resigned her position in the spring of this year to take the position of instructor in drawing in the new Normal School at North Adams. Miss Pearson stood in the first rank of teachers of drawing in this state and has brought the schools of Cohasset into a most satisfactory position in the study.

We were therefore very fortunate in being able to secure in her place Mr. Walter Sargent, who had been assistant to the State Agent of drawing, and who was able to take up Miss Pearson's work and carry it on on the same high plane as before. At the end of the June term he resigned his position to resume his old duties under the State Board, and we have appointed Miss Sarah T. Bailey of North Scituate

to act as Supervisor of drawing. Miss Bailey is a graduate of the Normal Art School and takes up the work of her predecessors with an enthusiasm which promises well for her success.

The Committee have from time to time in the past four years called your attention to the crowded condition of the Osgood School building. Temporary relief was afforded by taking the hall at the top of the building for the eighth grade, but this has deprived us of the use of this room for elocutionary work, singing and drawing. The third and fourth grades are still seated in one room to the detriment of the scholars of these grades as compared to the scholars seated in other rooms of the building, and many of the other rooms are crowded beyond their seating capacity. At present some of the recitations of the High School are held in the offices of the Principal and of the Superintendent of Schools. The time has arrived in the judgment of your Committee when some action should be taken by the town to increase the capacity of the Osgood School building or to erect a new building, and we submit for your consideration two plans. First a separate building, one story in height, could be erected back of the Osgood School to accommodate the four primary grades at an estimated expense of $10,000. Second, an addition of four rooms at an expense of $7500 could be put on the back of the present building which would add to its architectural beauty, would accommodate any increase in the number of scholars for some time to come, and would enable the teachers and scholars to pursue their work to much better advantage. In favor of a separate building can be urged the argument that should at any future time the school accommodations prove inadequate, another story could be added. An addition to the present building would cost less at the start and the annual expense of maintaining the school would be less in one than in two buildings.

We shall therefore ask you at the annual town meeting in March to put this matter in the hands of a committee to report at a future meeting.

Your committee estimate that there will be needed for the support of schools in 1898, $13,500, as follows:

Teachers, Superintendents and Janitors' salaries	$9,600 00
Conveying	2,000 00
Books and supplies	600 00
Fuel	600 00
Repairs and incidentals	700 00
	$13,500 00

E. P. COLLIER,
Chairman.
CALEB LOTHROP,
Secretary.
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
AMOS A. LAWRENCE,
CYRUS H. BATES,
LOUIS T. CUSHING.

TOWN OF COHASSET in account with THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Debit.

1897. Paid

Superintendent of Schools, Elmer L. Curtiss .		$700 00

TEACHERS.

Osgood School:		
High, C. F. Jacobs, Principal	$1,700 00	
High, Miss Grace Clark, Assistant . . .	560 00	
High, Miss Annie N. Keene, Assistant . . .	500 00	
8th grade, Miss Martha P. Bates	500 00	
7th grade, Miss Agnes W. Damon . . .	90 00	
7th grade, E. W. Robinson	350 00	
6th grade, Miss Edith M. Barker	240 00	
6th grade, Miss Annie D. Dunham . . .	160 00	
5th grade, Miss Annie A. Souther . . .	400 00	
3rd and 4th grades, Miss Mary E. Clapp . .	390 00	
3rd and 4th grades, Miss Harriet E. Colburn .	10 00	
2nd grade, Miss Priscilla L. Collier	390 00	
2nd grade, Miss	10 00	

Osgood School:		
1st grade, Miss Sarah E. Fox	400 00	
Miss Myra L. Beal, general assistant . . .	380 00	
North School:		
Miss Susannah L. Stoddard	400 00	
Beechwood School:		
Miss Mary Agnes Stephens	400 00	
Jerusalem School:		
Miss Annie Fox . .	400 00	
King Street School:		
Miss Mary E. Towne .	400 00	
		$7,680 00

SPECIAL TEACHER OF DRAWING.

Miss M. Angeline Pearson .	37 50	
Walter Sargent . . .	112 50	
Miss Sara T. Bailey . .	120 00	
		$270 00

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Miss Elizabeth C. Bates		$300 00

JANITORS.

Osgood School, Lot W. Bates .	$600 00	
North " Thos. A. Roche	40 00	
" " Thomas Keefe, (1896)	3 00	
Beechwood School, A. Bradford Litchfield . . .	40 00	
Jerusalem School, Miss Annie Fox	30 00	
King Street School, Mrs. Hannah James . . .	30 00	
		$743 00

Cleaning, etc.

North School, Mrs. Mary Reilly	$6 00	
Beechwood School, A. Bradford Litchfield . . .	10 00	
Jerusalem School, Mrs. Jennie Dyment . . .	7 75	
King Street School, Mrs. Hannah James . . .	6 00	
		$29 75

Conveying Pupils.

No. Cohasset District } Jerusalem Road District } Franklin Beal . .	$400 00	
Beechwood District, Amos E. Tilden	1,111 75	
South Main Street District, C. F. B. Tilden. .	223 50	
North Main Street District, C. F. B. Tilden. .	205 00	
King Street District, C. F. B. Tilden	90 00	
		$2,030 25

Fuel.

Osgood School, Lincoln Brothers	$386 15	
North School, Lincoln Brothers	40 93	
Beechwood School, Lincoln Brothers . . .	44 92	
Jerusalem School, Lincoln Brothers . . .	35 38	
King Street School, Lincoln Brothers . . .	11 18	
		$518 56

REPAIRS, ETC.

Osgood School, William E. Crocker, carpentering .	$64 36	
J. L. Hammett Company, desks	10 50	
Geo. S. Perry & Co., chairs	9 00	
Cohasset Electric Co., lights	60 00	
Allen C. Bates, supplies and repairs . . .	69 23	
Harry W. Lincoln, painting, etc. . . .	2 50	
Jordan, Marsh & Co., piano covering . . .	2 75	
Tower Bros. & Co., varnish, lumber, etc. . . .	117 26	
Gross & Nichols, supplies	4 44	
Chas. F. Tilden, repairing wheelbarrow, etc. . .	3 35	
Frances H. Nichols, supplies	9 37	
The Building Care Co., acid	1 50	
		$354 26
North School, John Roche, carpentering . . .	$5 85	
Allen C. Bates, supplies, etc	4 60	
John Hughes, cleaning vaults, etc . . .	7 00	
John E. Frances, cleaning stove, etc. . . .	2 50	
Arthur Mulvey, gravel and spreading . . .	3 52	
Z. C. Small & Brother, repairing blackboards .	2 75	
Tower Bros. & Co., sash .	35	
		$26 57

Beechwood School, A. B. Litchfield and others, painting, etc.	$104 50	
J. W. Bates, cleaning vault	3 00	
Allen C. Bates, repairing stove, etc . . .	32 76	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber etc.	16 03	
		$156 29
Jerusalem School, Richard Priest, labor . .	$ 50	
C. E. West, supplies .	1 61	
Allen C. Bates, stove, funnel, etc. . . .	25 92	
Henry Clark, repairing ceiling and glass. . .	7 55	
Tower Bros. & Co., halliards, etc.	37	
Herbert O. Beal, carpentering	4 31	
		$40 26
King Street School, Fred L. Lincoln, carpentering and painting . . .	$38 75	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, etc.	61 91	
Fred G. James, stock and labor	2 50	
Allen C. Bates, repairing stove, etc. . . .	7 15	
		$110 31
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Lot W. Bates, truant officer .	25 00	
A. B. Litchfield, truant officer .	10 00	
Hooper, Lewis & Co., account book	75	
Joseph J. Bates, expressing .	14 75	

Geo. S. Perry & Co., rattans and scissors . . .	$2 05	
C. F. B. Tilden, moving piano, freight, cartage, etc. .	12 74	
Miss Annie N. Keene, supplies	3 84	
W. W. Wade, tuning piano .	5 00	
Henry E. Brennock, labor on flag poles . . .	5 00	
Amos E. Tilden, cartage, flag poles, etc. . . .	7 25	
Joseph J. Bates, hall and piano	6 00	
Mrs. Mary R. Cushing, bouquets	5 00	
Miss Elizabeth C. Bates, music	16 20	
H. W. Kibbe, filling diplomas .	4 25	
A. T. Bliss & Co., printing tickets	6 50	
Tower Bro. & Co., lumber .	90	
G. D. Damon & Sons, collation	22 50	
Weymouth & Braintree Publishing Co., advertising in Sentinel . . .	2 25	
D. Sylvester, supplies . .	1 97	
H. W. Souther, printing . .	5 75	
C. Lothrop, secretary and treasurer	75 00	
C. Lothrop, postage, stationery, etc.	3 52	
		$236 22

Books, Stationery, Etc.

J. L. Hammett Company . .	$210 51	
George S. Perry & Co. . .	63 65	
Ginn & Co.	58 25	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co. .	22 36	
Boston School Supply Co. .	24 00	
Willard Small	19 56	

Silver, Burdett & Co. . .	$31 95	
American Book Company . .	89 35	
D. C. Heath & Co. . . .	18 93	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co. . .	5 42	
Watson Weed	3 50	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn .	19 67	
F. H. Bailey	6 00	
Edward E. Babb . . .	16 56	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Company	5 52	
P. P. Caproni & Bro. . .	65	
Henry Whittemore . . .	3 00	
Educational Publishing Co. .	1 80	
Little, Brown & Co. . .	4 00	
Esterbrook Steel Pen M'f'g Co.	9 38	
University Publishing Co. .	5 28	
Thaxter Bros.	3 00	
Thompson, Brown & Co. . .	6 00	
Thorp & Martin Co. . .	10 50	
Fred H. Miller . . .	3 00	
		$641 84

RECAPITULATION.

Debit.

Superintendent of Schools .	$700 00	
Teachers	7,680 00	
Special teacher of drawing .	270 00	
Supervisor of music . .	300 00	
Janitors	743 00	
Cleaning	29 75	
Conveying	2,030 25	
Fuel	518 56	
Repairs	687 69	
Miscellaneous . . .	236 22	
Books, stationery, etc. . .	641 84	
Balance unexpended . .	66 87	
		$13,904 18

Credit.

Balance from last year . .	$52 07	
Amount of school appropriation	13,500 00	
Amount of dog licenses . .	260 91	
Interest from Ripley fund .	42 95	
Received from Town of Hingham for schooling of children	42 00	
Supplies sold	6 25	
		$13,904 18

CALEB LOTHROP,

Treasurer Cohasset School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Gentlemen of the Committee:—

During the past year, we have had fewer changes in the teaching force than formerly, and the effect for good is shown in the quieter working of the schools and in the better results obtained. During the spring of 1897, the Osgood School had several changes in substitutes in the sixth and the seventh grade that for the time being caused some disturbance; but these grades are now working as steadily and effectively as any other in town. Nothing shows the advantage of a permanent corps of teachers better than the history of our schools during the past year. I referred last year to the salary that the town was paying when compared with our neighbors, so there is no need of going over the subject again any further than to re-state, that we cannot expect to retain experienced teachers at the price we are paying when there are so many opportunities for them to obtain an increase by going elsewhere.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

During the past year I have held fewer teachers' meetings than formerly, but have had more conferences with the special teachers on the work in their particular departments. Much of the time last spring was spent during the rapid changes, outlining to the new teachers the work they were to do, and in keeping the classes from going over old work or skipping. I have, however, met the teachers as a body

and have considered with them the following topics: "Individualism in the School Room," Miss Aiken's book, "The Training of the Attention," "Methods of Procedure in Conducting a Lesson," "Care of the Eyes of School Children," and "The Teacher as a Student." The teachers attended a Teacher's Institute, held by the State Board of Education at Quincy last May, and the County Convention in Boston in October. Miss Gannet of North Scituate, and a former pupil of the Cohasset High School, met the teachers and gave them a talk on physical training.

DISCIPLINE.

The aim of the public schools is to produce good character and thereby fit the child for citizenship. To accomplish this end, the school must lay a firm hand on the pupil and lead him to the formation of habits of good order, reverence for the rights of others, respect for property, and an appreciation for honest labor. This is a great task and one that the few hours of school life alone cannot accomplish. The aim of the parent and the teacher is one, and to compass the end sought, they must co-oporate in their training. If the five hours of school are for order and law, and the remaining hours of the day are without restraint, the efforts of the teacher are to a degree wasted. The chief difficulty the teachers have found in carrying on their work is the indifference of the community towards the school. Even those who have most at stake—the parents—show little interest in the actual working of the schools and seldom visit them. The large majority of the patrons of the schools, whether public or private, know almost nothing of their workings, their methods, or their aims. They get their knowledge, in most cases, from the distorted views and the exaggerated stories of the children; and many a case of annoyance and anger on the part of a parent has arisen through this ignorance. There is no one who has so much at stake in the child as the

parent, and no one should be so well pleased as he to have that done which will make the child a more law-abiding and orderly man. The mere voting of money to support the schools is a small part of the parents' duty. An intelligent concern, a constant friendly inquiry, a personal knowledge of the work actually attempted, and a sympathetic helpfulness on the part of the parents are what we most need to-day. "Parents realize to a very limited extent the fearful havoc they are making in the schools and to what terrible waste they are subjecting these agencies by interfering with the work of the teacher, refusing to send their children to school regularly, and failing to instill into the minds of the children a respect for the school, the teacher, and school officials and lawful authority." Obedience in school aids in the home discipline; and proper control at home, coupled with school training, should do much to lessen the spirit of lawlessness and rowdyism that at times is rife in our streets. It well may make a wise man tremble for the future when he contemplates the many acts of depredation and the general riotous conduct of our boys at times. A town with the good name of Cohasset cannot afford to let these things go unnoticed. The only way to eradicate them is by instilling into the minds of the young the principles of good behavior. The very existence of our government depends upon this; our chief glory as a people in the past has been our love for order. The schools are doing all they can; unaided their work will be a failure. The spirit of American independence is a laudable thing in the young, but uncontrolled it will lead to ruin only.

ATTENDANCE.

"Again, if parents keep a child at home for two or three days, or for three or four half days, in a week, he must, at least, be stationary, while the class to which he belongs is advancing. Hence, on his return to school, he is not in a suitable condition to rejoin his class. But generally there is

no other class in which he can be placed; and the formation of new classes to meet these cases would soon destroy classification altogether; because the classes would soon become as numerous as the scholars, and the school which should march onward in regular divisions would be reduced to a promiscuous throng of stragglers. Unless in extraordinary cases, therefore, the absent scholar must resume his place in his class; but, as the correct understanding of each successive step in his studies depends upon his having mastered the preceding steps, he is almost necessarily incapacitated for intelligent study and good recitations. Out of this come, not merely loss of knowledge, but habits of incorrectness. The pupil, accustomed to failures and mistakes, is hardened into indifference; he loses the greatest incitement to study, —the pleasure of understanding his lessons; becomes careless, mischievous, disobedient; draws upon himself the displeasure of the teacher, perhaps punishment; has all his associations established, adverse to learning; looks for pleasure elsewhere; is disgusted with the school, and, as soon as possible, forfeits its privileges by abandonment,—the victim of irregular attendance."

—*Page 69, Fourth Report of Board of Education.*

It is often and repeatedly asserted that the schools of today are not doing for our boys and girls what the schools of thirty to fifty years ago did for the children of that day. I recently compared a set of compositions written by the children of the sixth and the seventh grade of our schools with some sixty odd notes received from people of average ability and intelligence,—people educated in the boasted schools of these old days. The compositions of the children showed better spelling, more legible writing, and a more thorough mastery of English. Seldom did a child do as poor work as the average of the notes in my possession. Recently I was informed by a teacher of prominence, that, in a town not many miles away from us, a large assortment of written

work from the public schools of that place fifty years ago was unearthed. A comparison was eagerly made with the work of the pupils in the schools of that place to-day, and the advantage in every respect was on the side of to-day. It would not do for a moment to contend that to-day the child does better in all lines of work, for there are many things that we do not teach with the same emphasis that was taught formerly. In such a case the question is: Was the old curriculum correct? Is it necessarily right that Latin, for example, should be the underlying study simply because it was years ago? Is abstract grammar better than language study for the formation of the habits of correct speech, because I studied grammar and not language? Which is the better, drawing that should lead us to see the common things about us, realize the beautiful in nature and in art, prepare us to turn out art fabrics of high value, and give us a new language, or the old-fashioned, puzzling questions in the back of the arithmetic that you and I racked our brains over and have forgotten long ago how to do?

CROWDED CONDITION.

For the past five years the Osgood school has been growing steadily in numbers. Two years ago I called attention to the fact that certain rooms were overcrowded, and your honorable board, after investigating the matter, formed a new class in the school hall. Today the rooms are crowded to their limit, and there is no prospect for relief in the future. Every room in the building, with a single exception, has all or more pupils than it should accommodate. A table annexed to this report will show the seating capacity of each room, and give the actual number of pupils belonging to the same.

INDIVIDUAL PROMOTION.

One inherent weakness of the graded system has been that the slow and the quick pupil has been obliged to move for-

ward at the same rate through the year. By this method injustice must be done to one or the other, provided the course is arranged with one class in view. Usually what has been done, has been to do injustice to both classes by arranging a course that was a little beyond the slow, and that did not cover enough ground during the year for the quicker pupils. To remedy this defect in part, the classes during the past year have been divided into two sections, the first of which was allowed to go on as rapidly as the pupils were prepared to advance, while the other advanced no faster than good work would permit. If, during the course of the year, we found a first section in one class that had overtaken the second section of the class following, promotion was to be made at once. If individuals were found that, in the judgment of the teacher, could do the work of the next section above, whether in the same or in the next class, promotion was to be made at once. A secondary advantage of this system lies in the fact, that children who are absent, necessarily, for a time so long as to interfere with the work, are allowed to drop back into the section below, rather than, as in the past, go on with their class and then review the entire year's work at the end of the term. They now do not necessarily lose a year because of sickness. So far the system has worked well, and has had the effect of stimulating the pupils to better efforts.

During the past year the pupils of the High school have obtained contributions from friends of the school to the amount of about fifty dollars. With this money they have purchased one large picture and about fifty books which, added to one set of Scott's works given outright, forms a very creditable beginning for a school library. The desire to beautify the walls of their school room, and to furnish the school with a library, is very commendable on the part of the scholars, and I take this opportunity in their behalf to express their thanks to those who have made these contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER L. CURTISS.

REPORT OF THE TEACHER ON MUSIC.

To the Superintendent of Schools:—

At the time of presenting the last report on Music, the "Natural Music Course" had been in use in our schools but four months, and I was not then prepared to judge of its superiority over the system formerly used. Having now given it a faithful trial of over a year, I have found it simple, logical, and scientific.

Each book is a perfect development of the preceding one, and corresponds to the gradual expanding of the mind of the child. The system actually works out its own lessons, thus being a true guide to the regular teacher.

One of our teachers, a few days ago, incidentally said to me, "The singing lesson, this week, has been a great help to me in reading a difficult part in a piece of music which I am rehearsing for a special occasion. Had it not been for this week's work I think I could not have read my part at sight." I quote the above words as a proof of the *practical* use of the system.

Also, the following from another teacher: "I am very much pleased with the charts and books we are using. I never before obtained such satisfactory results in so short a time."

While the grades above the Fifth are not prepared to do the regular grade work of the course, from the fact of not having had the elementary work of the lower grades, yet they are gradually working up to the standard, and in two years time will have reached it judging from present appearances. The classes below the Sixth are fully up to the work required.

The order of the music lessons is the same in all grades. It is as follows: (1) Vocal drill. (2) Oral dictation.

(3) General chart exercise. (4) Special chart exercise on forms about to be read in the book. (5) Exercises from the book, read at sight. (6) Application of exercises in a song, and in two or three-part exercises. (7) Dictation exercise to be written by the children.

The written work has not been followed closely for several reasons, the principal one being that in so short a time as the period given for music I have thought it of greater importance to spend that time in training the eye, ear and voice. With regard to the tone, there has been a marked improvement, particularly in the younger pupils who so often use the shrill tone peculiar to the child's voice. This is especially true in class work, in which each little one tries to sing more loudly than his neighbor.

I can close this report in no better way than by a short quotation from Mr. Thomas Tapper, who, in connection with Mr. F. H. Ripley, planned this system.

"To our young men and women who wish earnestly to employ themselves, music is a rich field that needs the best it can receive. Whoever will seek broad education in and out of music, whoever will endeavor to keep in hand some of the common threads of tendency that join music and the development of thought, whoever will seek with care and patience the use and place of art in daily life, will discover that music offers them no little as a beautiful inheritance, no little as a sacred trust. It is full of unexplored ways; they should be made known to us.

It is full of truth; we should constantly know more of it. It is full of beauty; we should see it all. It is a world full of thought and inspiration; we should be taught not to lose our way in it. Not less lovingly than the little child whispers to its mother should they speak of it, their own beautiful mater sanctissima."

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. BATES.

REPORT OF THE TEACHER OF DRAWING.

To the Superintendent of Schools:—

It is hardly possible at this time to make a satisfactory report of the drawing, as the present teacher has been at work since September only.

Naturally the work has suffered somewhat during the changes of the past year, yet I feel that we have not been standing still, rather that we are progressing.

The former Supervisors have laid a good foundation and the work in September was found to be in excellent condition.

During the early fall we devoted most of the time to the study of the flowers in color, work interesting alike to teacher and pupils; later we studied the dried grasses and seedpods, making the drawings in ink with the brush. Some really artistic work was done.

Since then the time for the most part has been spent in strengthening the foundations already laid preparatory to future building.

The hearty co-operation of the teachers has been of inestimable value and will make attainable even our highest ideals for the work.

The object of drawing is not merely to train the eye and hand of the child, but to lead him to see the wonderful beauty in the works of God and of man and to try to express that beauty; to learn the stories the great masters have told in their marvellous pictures, and to realize a little of the happiness that comes through a true appreciation of the beautiful and the good.

To accomplish this is the aim of every teacher in drawing.

Respectfully submitted,

SARA TILDEN BAILEY.

NUMBER OF PUPILS AND SEATING CAPACITY OF THE OSGOOD SCHOOL.

Room.	Pupils.	Seats.
I,	46	42
II,	23	47
III,	52	48
IV,	45	56
V,	47	44
VI,	43	42
High School,	66	82
Hall,	33	33

Building, without the assembly hall, has a seating capacity of 361: this can be increased slightly by adding seats, but such addition over-taxes ventilation.

There are at present writing 355 pupils in the building. Of these, 289 are in the grades below the High School, in which grades there are but 279 seats.

SCHOOLS, TEACHERS AND STATISTICS.

Whole number of children in Town May 1, 1897, between 5 and 15 years of age	368
Whole number of children in Town May 1, 1897, between 8 and 14	241
Whole number in school between 5 and 15 years of age	415
Whole number in school between 8 and 14 years of age	237
Number in school over 15 years of age	50
Number in school under 5 years of age	1
Total pupils in school during the year	466
Average membership of schools	397.6
Average attendance of schools	358.1
Per cent. of attendance	90
Number of tardy marks for year	733

SCHOOLS.	Teachers.	Salary.	Total Membership.	Average Membership	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance	Tardy.
Osgood-High	C. F. Jacobs	$1,700	83	53.6	49.8	92	100
	Annie M. Keene	500					
	Grace Clark	600					
Grade VIII	Martha P. Bates*	500	34	28.9	26.2	90	57
VII	Ernest Robinson*	500	35	32.5	30.4	93	70
VI	Annie D. Dunham	400	52	51.	45.9	90	95
V	Annie A. Souther	400	38	35.6	32.8	92	63
IV, III	Mary E. Clapp	400	48	45	42.1	93	104
II	Priscilla L. Collier	400	24	22.5	21.4	94	58
I	Sarah E. Fox	400	49	40.3	32.7	81	90
	Myra L. Beal	380					
Beechwood	Agnes Stephens	400	36	31.9	26.1	82	72
King Street	May E. Towne	400	16	13 1	12.4	94	2
North	Susannah L. Stoddard	400	29	26.9	23.8	88	16
Jerusalem	Annie Fox	400	22	16.3	14.5	89	6
Drawing	Sara T. Bailey	300					
Music	Elizabeth C. Bates	300					

* Have charge of some of the subjects taught in the High School.

One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

THE SELECTMEN

OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET

—AND THE—

REPORTS OF OTHER TOWN OFEICERS,

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1898.

WEYMOUTH AND BRAINTREE PUBLISHING COMPANY,
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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1898-99.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

PHILANDER BATES, Chairman	Term expires	March 1, 1899
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW . .	" "	March 1, 1901
NEWCOMB B. TOWER . .	" "	March 1, 1900

Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

ABRAHAM H. TOWER.

School Committee.

E. POMEROY COLLIER .	Term expires	March 1, 1899
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW . .	" "	March 1, 1900
AMOS A. LAWRENCE . .	" "	March 1, 1900
LOUIS T. CUSHING . .	" "	March 1, 1901
HARRY E. MAPES . .	" "	March 1, 1901
CALEB LOTHROP, Sec. and Treas.	" "	March 1, 1899

Board of Health.

THE SELECTMEN.

Fire Engineers and Forest Fire Wards.

HARRY E. MAPES, Chief.

HENRY E. BRENNOCK, 1st Asst.

ALSON S. RICHARDSON, 2d Asst.

A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD,

Superintendent of Streets.

PHILANDER BATES.

Auditor.

WENTWORTH J. EARLE.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ALLEN C. BATES.

Auctioneers.

JAMES S. BEAL, AARON PRATT,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN, EDWARD E. WENTWORTH.

Constables.

EDWARD E. WENTWORTH, THOMAS MANNIX,
A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD, MANUEL S. ENOS,
*CHARLES L. KITTRELL, JOHN ROCHE.
† SIDNEY L. BEAL.

* Resigned.
† Appointed to fill vacancy.

Field Drivers.

A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD, MANUEL S. ENOS,
THOMAS MANNIX, JOHN ROCHE,

Trustees of the Public Library.

Rev. JOSEPH OSGOOD, D. D.

Miss EDITH M. BATES . .	Term expires		March 1, 1899
Mrs. ABRAHAM H. TOWER .	"	"	March 1, 1900
Miss SARAH B. COLLIER, Librarian	"	"	March 1, 1900
EDWARD F. RIPLEY . .	"	"	March 1, 1900
EDWARD E. ELLMS . .	"	"	March 1, 1901
LOUIS T. CUSHING . .	"	"	March 1, 1901
ABRAHAM H. TOWER, Treasurer	"	"	March 1, 1901

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

HERBERT L. BROWN, FRANKLIN BEAL.

Public Weighers.

CALEB F. NICHOLS, CHAUNCY A. SLADE,
HERBERT L. BROWN, LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER.

Fence Viewer.

FRANK F. MARTIN, JR., GEORGE JASON.

Surveyors of Lumber.

ARTHUR O. HIGGINS, JOSEPH A. VALINE.

Inspector of Cattle.

CALEB F. NICHOLS,

Pound Keeper.

LEVI L. WORRICK.

Keeper of Lockup.

MANUEL S. ENOS.

Registrars of Voters.

CHARLES F. TILDEN, . .	Term expires,		May 1, 1900
C. JAMES PRATT	"	"	May 1, 1901
JOHN L. PRATT . . .	"	"	May 1, 1899

HARRY F. TILDEN, *ex officio*, Clerk of Board.

TOWN OF COHASSET.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

For 1898.

Doings of the
TOWN OF COHASSET.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Extracts from the Town Records.

The Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset was held March 7, 1898, agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same, at which time the several articles contained were acted upon, as follows: —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Chose, Philander Bates, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To act upon the financial reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Treasurer of the Public Library, School Committee, Treasurer of School Committee, Committee on Town History and Auditor.

Each of the above reports were, by a vote, accepted.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all town officers required by law, and town By-laws.

A list of the officers chosen at this meeting and appointed by the Selectmen may be seen upon Pages 5 and 6.

ARTICLE 4. What sums of money will the town raise and appropriate for the payment of debt, interest, support and relief of poor, schools, public libraries, electric lights, repairs of highways, water of hydrants, public buildings, fountains, fire department and all other necessary charges and expenses for the current year.

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to expend 15 per cent. of the appropriation for Highways and Sidewalks, upon Sidewalks.

Voted, That the sum of thirty-eight thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars ($38,225.00) be assessed and raised by taxation the current year, as recommended by the Selectmen.

Voted, That the sum of fifty-six thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars ($56,225.00) be appropriated the current year as recommended by the Selectmen, which was as follows: —

For payment of Debt	$6,400 00
payment of Interest	3,000 00
Support of Schools	13,500 00
Support and Relief of the Poor	6,000 00
Highways and Sidewalks	8,000 00
Electric Lights	5,000 00
Water for Hydrants, etc.	2,000 00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	400 00
Town Officers	1,800 00
Watering Streets	1,300 00
Special Police	1,500 00
Fire Department	1,000 00
Removing Snow	500 00
Public Libraries	950 00
Henry Bryant Post 98, G. A. R.	100 00
Printing	275 00
Straits Pond	200 00

For Military Aid	250 00
Inspection of Cattle and Provisions .	250 00
Town Hall	600 00
Incidentals	1,000 00
On account Iron Bridge	1,000 00
Committee on Town History . . .	1,200 00
Total	$56,225 00

ARTICLE 5. Will the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes, and to pay State and Military Aid?

It was voted, That he be so authorized.

ARTICLE 6. In what manner will the town collect the taxes, and at what time shall they be paid into the treasury?

It was voted, That the taxes the current year be collected in the same manner, and paid into the treasury at the same time as last year, which was: "The taxes assessed for the current year shall be due and payable on the first day of August; and on all taxes remaining unpaid on the first day of October, interest, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, shall be added thereto until paid; and the taxes remaining unpaid on the tenth day of January (1899) shall be considered delinquent, and subject to collection according to law. The interest accruing under this vote shall be added to and be a part of such taxes."

ARTICLE 7. What compensation will the town allow the Collector of Taxes for the current year?

It was voted, That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the current year be the same as last year, viz.: two hundred dollars.

ARTICLE 8. To hear the report of the Selectmen on guide boards, and act thereon.

It was voted, That the following report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards be accepted.

"Guide boards are maintained at the following places: Junction of Jerusalem Road and North Main Street; Forest Avenue and Jerusalem Road; Hull Street and Jerusalem Road; Forest Avenue, King and North Main Streets; King and Beechwood Streets; Church and Beechwood Streets; Beechwood and South Main Streets; Summer and South Main Streets; Border and Summer Streets."

ARTICLE 9. Will the town accept the list of jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen?

It was voted, That the names of the five persons who requested it, be stricken from the list of jurors, as posted by the Selectmen and that two names be added.

Voted, To accept the list of jurors as amended, which was as follows:—

Abraham J. Antoine,	Frederick L. Lincoln,
Edwin Bates,	James D. Lincoln,
Arthur S. Bates,	Henry L. McMahon,
Harry C. Bates,	Arthur Mulvey,
Isaac W. Beal,	George W Pratt,
Francis Beal,	John J. A. Pratt,
Henry E. Brennock,	John L. Pratt,
Orlando Curtis,	William H. Pratt,
John M. Damon,	John Roche,
Wentworth J. Earle,	Ephraim Snow, Jr.
Joseph E. Grassie,	Willie F. Thayer,
David Hamblem,	George P. Tower,
Charles H. Hackett,	Warren L. Tower,
Frederick G. James,	Israel C. Vinal,
Herman S. James	Manuel P. Valine,
George W. Kimball,	Otis S. Wilbur.

ARTICLE 10. To hear and act upon the report of any committee.

It was voted, That the report of the committee on tide gates in Little Harbor be accepted and that said committee be continued, with full power to act, and that the sum of $300 be

raised and appropriated for the purpose of placing a dam across the outlet of Little Harbor, should said committee find it expedient so to do.

Voted, That the details of publication and sale of the book on the History of Cohasset, be in charge of the present committee on Town History.

Article 11. Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in the town the current year, in accordance with Chap. 100, Sec. 5 of the Public Statutes? The polls for the reception of ballots upon this question will be opened at 11.30 a. m. and be kept open until 1 o'clock p. m.

The polls were opened for the reception of the ballots on the above question at 11.45 a. m. and were kept open until 1.30 p. m. at which time they were by a vote closed.

The ballot box registered 204 ballots as being cast, the names checked on the voting list as having voted and the number of ballots counted from the ballot box agreed with the register namely 204 and were as follows :—

85 were "Yes," and 119 were "No."

Article 12. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Cohasset Electric Company at the expiration of the present contract, for a term of three or five years, for lighting the streets, at a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars ($5,000) per annum, or act thereon?

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to renew the town's contract with the Cohasset Electric Co., for the same time as the present contract to take effect at the expiration of the present contract.

Article 13. Will the town cause an electric light to be placed on South Main street, on or near the Scituate line or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, that the above article be referred to the Selectmen.

Article 14. Will the town contract with the Cohasset Electric Co. for three more lights on Beechwood street; one

between Cushing's Corner and Beechwood station, one near the house of Mrs. Anderson, one in the hollow at foot of Joy hill, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the above article be referred to the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 15. Will the town accept a piece of land as a gift from the late John Pratt to enlarge Pratt's park at junction of Doane and Church streets?

Voted, That the town accept a piece of land as a gift from the late John Pratt as above described.

ARTICLE 16. Will the town appoint and provide for a committee to demand the withdrawal of the Selectmen's and County Commissioner's doings on Border street and defend the interests of the town in regard to the same?

Voted, That the town appoint and provide for a committee as above described.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed by nomination from the floor.

The committee appointed under above vote were, Edward E. Wentworth, Joseph St. John and Louis N. Lincoln.

ARTICLE 17. What action will the town take to secure beach privilege for its citizens?

Voted, That the assessors be a committee with Amos A. Lawrence and two others to be appointed by the chair to ascertain what beach privileges if any, can be obtained for the citizens of the town and report at any future town meeting.

The two appointed by the chair were, Oliver H. Howe and B. Preston Clark.

Voted, That the above committee be increased to seven the additional member to be a boatman and appointed by the chair.

The chair appointed Manuel E. Salvador.

ARTICLE 18. What sum of money will the town raise and appropriate to rebuild Border street between its junction

with Summer street and the Iron bridge, as ordered by the County Commissioners?

Voted, That the town appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars to rebuild Border street agreeably to the order of the County Commissioners and that one thousand dollars be raised by taxation the current year towards defraying the same.

Article 19. What action will the town take in regard to providing additional accommodations for the children attending the Osgood school?

Voted, That a committee to consist of eleven members, to consist of five members of the school committee, the three members of the selectmen and three members appointed by the chair be elected to bring in plans and estimates, at the next annual town meeting, for some addition to the present accommodations of the Osgood School Building.

The chair appointed Daniel N. Tower, Herbert O. Beale and John Roche.

Article 20. To see if the town will instruct its representatives in the General Court to oppose the scheme known as a "Greater Boston" county, or any legislation which shall tend to dismember Norfolk County.

Voted, That the town instruct its representatives as above.

Article 21. Will the town raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to build and maintain an electric fire alarm in all parts of the town, or act thereon?

Voted, That this article be referred to the Selectmen to ascertain the cost of same, and report at a future meeting.

Article 22. Will the town authorize the School Committee to provide conveyance for the children living on Parker avenue and Border street, east of Mill bridge, to the Osgood school, during the months of January, February and March of each year?

Voted, That they be so authorized.

Voted, That the month of December be added to above, and the sum of one hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for providing conveyance for the month of December.

ARTICLE 23. Will the town cause James River (so called) to be widened, straightened, and the walls raised from the westerly side of South Main street to Brook street, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That this article be left to the Selectmen to do whatever is right and proper for the town to do.

ARTICLE 24. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of placing a bell on Hook and Ladder House No. 2, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of placing a bell on Hook and Ladder House No. 2.

ARTICLE 25. Will the town cause six electric lights to be placed on Pond street, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars be raised and appropriated for six electric lights on Pond street.

ARTICLE 26. Will the town raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to build a fireproof vault in accordance with a plan to be submitted at the annual meeting?

Voted, That a sufficient sum of money be appropriated to construct a fire-proof vault in the Town Hall in accordance with the plans submitted at this meeting, and that the sum of five hundred dollars be raised by assessment for the purpose this year; also that the Selectmen be authorized to sell the old safes after the completion of the new.

ARTICLE 27. Will the town cause the financial report to be printed and distributed in the month of February, 1899?

Voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 28. Will the town authorize the Overseers of the Poor to sell the Town Farm, if, in their judgment, a

favorable opportunity occurs, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the Overseers of the Poor be so authorized; also that they are authorized to execute a deed in behalf of the town for the same.

ARTICLE 29. Will the town purchase a steam road roller or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to find out the cost of a steam road roller and report at the next annual meeting.

Voted, That the thanks of this meeting be extended to the Moderator for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over it.

Voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Cohasset, held Saturday evening, November 5, 1898, agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same, the several articles in the warrant were acted on, as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Chose, Philander Bates, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. Will the Town adopt as a Town Seal the design as prepared by the Committee on Town History, or act on anything relating thereto.

Voted, That the town adopt as a Town Seal the design as prepared by the Committee on Town History.

MILITARY DUTY.

The number of men in Cohasset liable to perform military duty May 1, 1898, were 334

DOGS LICENSED.

The number of dogs licensed in Cohasset from December 1, 1897, to December 1, 1898, were:—

Male	140
Female	8
Total	148

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

ELECTION RECORD.

November 8, 1898.

Number of Registered Voters in Cohasset, 512.
Whole number of bollots cast, 218.

Governor.

	Total Vote.	Vote of Cohasset.
Alexander B. Bruce, Dem., of Lawrence	107,960	25
George R. Peare, S. L., of Lynn	10,063	0
Winfield P. Porter, Dem. S. N. P., of Newburyport	3,749	0
Samuel B. Shapleigh, Pro., of Boston	4,734	1
Roger Wolcott, Rep., of Boston	191,146	184
Blanks		8

Lieutenant-Governor.

Michael T. Berry, S. L., of Haverhill	12,170	0
W. Murray Crane, Rep., of Dalton	183,683	177
John L. Kilbon, Pro. of Lee	5,582	3
Isaac W. Skinner, Dem. S., of Brockton	5,899	7
Edward J. Slattery, D., of Framingham	106,197	23
Blanks		8

Secretary.

	Total Vote.	Vote of Cohasset.
Charles H. Brady, Dem. S., of Haverhill	9,285	1
Henry A. Inman, Pro., of Newton	5,458	3
Henry Lloyd, Dem., of Boston	99,505	24
William M. Olin, Rep., of Boston	179,663	179
James F. Stephens, S. L., of Boston	11,831	1
Blank		10

Treasurer.

Martha Moore Avery, S. L., of Boston	12,640	0
Harry J. Jaquith, Dem., of Wellesley	100,125	26
Edward P. Shaw, Rep., of Newburyport	177,538	178
Herbert Morley Small, Pro., of Templeton	5,251	3
Charles W. White, Dem. S., of Winchester	6,102	0
Blanks		11

Auditor.

Charles S. Grieves, Dem. S. of Amesbury	6,823	0
John W. Kimball, Rep., of Fitchburg	176,420	176
John Palme, S. L., of New Bedford	11,510	1
Charles F. Parker, Dem., of Boston	101,140	27
Walter E. Sanford, Pro., of Attleborough	5,280	2
Blanks		12

Attorney-General.

Patrick Kilroy, Dem., of Springfield	107,962	28
Hosea M. Knowlton, Rep., of New Bedford	184,302	179
Clarence E. Spellman, S. L., of Westfield	12,659	1
Blanks		10

Councillor — First District.

Patrick E. Foley, Dem., Fall River	8,855	27
Nathaniel F. Ryder, Rep., of Middleborough	19,690	164
Blanks		27

SENATOR — FIRST PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

	Total Vote.	Vote of Cohasset.
Walter L. Bouve, Rep., of Hingham	3,257	167
Edward G. Knight, Pro., of Hull	211	3
Benjamin F. Peterson, Dem., of Whitman	1,341	33
Blanks		15

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT — THIRD PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Ensign B. Gardner, Pro., of Hingham	106	20
Edward E. Wentworth, Rep., of Cohasset	517	176
Blanks		22

COUNTY COMMISSIONER — NORFOLK.

Thomas Blanchard, Rep., of Stoughton	11,198	170
Charles C. Sanderson, Dem., of Dedham	6,158	34
Blanks		14

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS — NORFOLK COUNTY.

John Everett, Rep., of Canton	10,665	153
Robert B. Martin, Dem., of Hyde Park	5,305	28
Timothy F. Quinn, Dem., of Sharon	4,933	23
Lewis R. Whitaker, Rep., of Franklin	9,507	123
Blanks		109

DISTRICT ATTORNEY — SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT.

Charles A. Gilday, Dem., of Brockton	8,777	28
Robert O. Harris, Rep., of East Bridgewater	19,316	176
Blanks		14

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY — NORFOLK COUNTY.

Jonathan Cobb, Rep., of Dedham	14,212	160
Blanks		58

SHERIFF — NORFOLK COUNTY.

Samuel H. Capen, of Canton,	14,448	177
Blanks		41

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS — TWELFTH DISTRICT.

	Total Vote.	Vote of Cohasset.
Philip E. Brady, Dem., of Attleborough . .	6,210	26
William C. Lovering, Rep., of Taunton . .	13,653	179
Jeremiah O'Fihelly, S. L., of Abington . .	847	1
Blanks		12

VOTE OF THIRD PLYMOUTH DISTRICT FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT.

	Hingham.	Cohasset.	Hull.	Totals.
Ensign B. Gardner, of Hingham .	69	20	17	106
Edward E. Wentworth, of Cohasset	295	176	46	517
Francis H. Lincoln, of Hingham .	1	0	0	1
Blanks	59	22	23	104
Totals	424	218	86	728

It appearing that Edward E. Wentworth, of Cohasset, had received a plurality of the votes given in, a certificate of election was issued to him.

HENRY F. TILDEN,

Town Clerk.

List of Marriages, Births and Deaths—Registered in Cohasset During the Year 1898.

MARRIAGES.

Date.	NAME.	Residence.	Where and by Whom Married.
Feb. 10	Matthew Joseph Ribeiro Josephine Margaret Accancao	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Fr. Charles F. Cowen.
Mar. 2	William Hawksworth May F. Silvia	Boston. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole.
Mar. 30	Lester J. Griffin Lulu E. Denithorne	South Braintree. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole.
Apr. 26	Clarence N. Sylvester Verena Jean Hinds	Cohasset. Boston.	Married in Boston by Rev. Robert Codman, Jr.
May 28	Henry M. Ferreira Alice F. Brasill	Boston. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Fr. Charles F. Cowen.
July 25	Arthur Hill Daniels Eunice Dean	Urbana, Ill. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Leonard K. Storrs, of Brookline.
Aug. 21	Michael Coghlin Nellie Troy	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Fr. Daniel M. Murphy.
Sept. 4	Charles A. White Margaret A. Thompson	East Weymouth. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Fr. Charles Cowen.
Sept. 4	Samuel E. Hyland Carrie B. Litchfield	Scituate. Cohasset.	Married in Hingham by Rev. John W. Day.

MARRIAGES — *Continued.*

Sept. 4	Samuel M. Babbitt Bessie E. Priest	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Cecil Harper, of Hingham.
Sept. 15	Thomas McKenzie Lizzie Haley	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park, of Beechwood.
Sept. 28	Harry W. Souther Sigrid Lunde	Cohasset.	Married in New York City by Rev. W. R. Huntington, D. D.
Oct. 12	Percy T. Ford Katie L. McHale	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Fr. D. M. Murphy.
Oct. 19	Irving F. Sylvester Violet Hiscock	Cohasset. Newton Centre.	Married in Newton Centre by Rev. Daniel L. Furber.
Oct. 26	George E. Ainslie Mary L. Egan	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Aaron Pratt, Justice of the Peace.

Fifteen marriages were registered in Cohasset as per above list, of which eleven were solemnized in this town. Eight grooms and twelve brides were residents of Cohasset, while there were but six marriages in which both were residents of this town.

HENRY F. TILDEN, *Town Clerk.*

BIRTHS, 1898.

Date.	Name.	Parents' Name.	Mother's M. N.	Place of Birth.
Jan. 5	Catherine Ilean Keefe.	Patrick and Katie M.	Donahue.	North Main St.
Jan. 5	Helen Norton Pratt.	Ira N. and Sadie L.	Apts.	Beechwood St.
Jan. 21	Marion Kathryn Stoughton.	Spencer H. and Mary C.	Pratt.	Beechwood St.
Feb. 15	Alvin Leal Monteiro.	George G. and Eda L.	Antoine.	Stockbridge St.
Feb. 16	Ruth Adell Grassie.	Joseph E. and Mary A.	Reilly.	Border St.
Feb. 16	Lucy May Smith.	John and Helen.	Conley.	Pleasant St.
Feb. 20	—— Litchfield.	Llewellyn A. and Annia L.	Steele.	Church St.
Feb. 28	Hazel Imogene Thayer.	Arthur H. and Leora I.	Young.	Pleasant St.
Mar. 1	Ruth Elizabeth Barnes.	Charles V. and Hattie A.	Morse.	North Main St.
Mar. 7	Robert Warren Pope.	Herbert G. and Isabella.	Gillispie.	South Main St.
Mar. 10	Clinton Webster Merritt.	Lester and Fannie H.	Bates.	Beechwood St.
Mar. 10	Alberta May Fratus.	John and Maria.	Nazareth.	Stockbridge St.
Mar. 11	Esther Lavenia Bandura.	Joseph F. and Mary L.	Johnson.	Parker Ave.
Mar. 12	Mabel Gertrude Mitchell.	Frank and Phoebe.	Fratus.	Doane St.
Mar. 21	Robert Kendall Clark Stevens.	Thomas A. and Louisa.	Clarke.	Pleasant St.
Mar. 23	Paul Wriston Pratt.	George W. and Eliza A.	Welch.	Church St.
Mar. 31	Thomas Bates.	John and Minnie E.	Thayer	North Main St.
Apr. 6	Manuel George Botcilho.	Manuel L. and Mary T.	Corvalha.	Parker Ave.
Apr. 10	George William James.	William and Mary.	McDonald.	Highland Ave.
Apr. 20	Beatrice Cecilia Anderson.	Joseph and Annie F.	McKay.	Beechwood St.
May 7	Peter James Rooney	Peter E. and Mary.	Rogers.	Elm St.
May 8	William Wallace Williams.	William W. and Effie.	McLeod.	Summer St.
May 19	Flora Arnold Silvia.	Joseph F. Jr., and Eunice.	Mellow.	Margin St.
May 20	Florence Mary Connell.	Patrick J. and Sarah.	Connell.	Jerusalem Road.
May 23	Ralph McKenzie Brickett.	Alfred and Mary R.	McKenzie.	Jerusalem Road.
June 9	Isadora Gevenia Gardner.	Edwin H. and Secelia J.	Sweeden.	Beechwood St.
June 25	Everett Wilbur Wheelwright.	Frank W. and Lillian M.	Stoddard.	Beechwood St.
June 26	Channing Treat Bates.	Ellery C. and Julia W.	Treat.	Beechwood St.
July 16	Rufus Alden James.	Ezekiel L. and Nellie G.	Bates.	King St.

BIRTHS — *Continued.*

Date.	Name.	Parents' Name.	Mother's M. N.	Place of Birth.
July 23 . .	Abraham Joseph Antoine.	Abraham J. and Elizabeth.	Queeny.	Beechwood St.
July 27 . .	Edna Frances Flint.	Frank E. and Monan F.	White.	Hull St.
Aug. 18 . .	Louis Joseph Figueiredo.	Antone E. and Mary A.	Silvia.	Border St.
Sept 21 . .	Louise Jason.	Frank and Margaret L.	Supple.	Border St.
Oct. 27 . .	Frederick Winnington Sullivan.	Eugene and Minnie.	McAuliffe.	Smith Place.
Nov. 11 . .	Mary Elizabeth Kennedy.	John and Mary.	Connell.	Elm St.
Nov. 26 . .	Theador Schumann Cole.	William R. and Leonore.	Schumann.	Ripley Road.
Nov. 28 . .	Donald DeWolffe Hunt.	William B. and Maybelle.	VanHuysen.	South Main St.
Dec. 6 . .	Carita Bigelow.	Edwin Victor and Carrie T.	Hardwick.	Sohier St.
Dec. 13 . .	Inza Almenia Boles.	Alexander R. and Emily W.	Stewart.	South Main St.
Dec. 19 . .	Mary Emma Smith	Arthur and Mary B.	Whelan.	Border St.
Dec. 22 . .	Louis McMenamin.	William J. and Catherine.	Robertson.	Smith Place.
1895.				
July 5 . .	Bertha Lillian Martin.	Frank F. Jr., and Annie L.	Grassie.	Border St.
Nov. 16 . .	Minnie Annie Anderson.	Charles and Annie.	Rose.	Border St.
1897.				
July 30 . .	Annie Elizabeth Anderson.	Charles and Annie.	Rose.	Border St.

The above list contains the names of forty-one babies born in Cohasset in 1898; two born in 1895, and one born in 1897, omitted from previous reports.

Of those born in 1898, there were twenty males and twenty-one females, with parentage as follows:—

American father and American mother, 19. Foreign father and American mother, 5. American father and foreign mother, 10. Foreign father and foreign mother, 7.

HARRY F. TILDEN, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS, 1898.

Date.	NAME.	Age. Y.	M.	D.	Cause of Death.	Place of Death.
Jan. 1	Francisco Frates	78	0	0	Pneumonia	
Jan. 3	Abigail Elizabeth Nichols	78	3	25	La Grippe	King St.
Jan. 12	Gracie Eleanor Tower	1	10	10	Acute Meningitis	Elm St.
Jan. 21	Earnest E. White	0	0	0	Asphyxia Con't pelis	Hull.
Jan. 22	Morgan Brewster Stetson	77	3	0	La Grippe	Summer St.
Jan. 26	(1) Onslon Q. Ball	39	0	0	Accident	South Main St.
Feb. 2	(2 John Joseph Silva	73	0	0	Senile Debility following Chronic Dys.	Border St.
Feb. 15	Ellen J. (Bates) Barnes	34	11	0	Phthisis Pulmonalis	North Main St.
Feb. 22	—— Litchfield	0	0	3	Hemorrhage	Church St.
Feb. 25	Meriam Bates	84	2	0	Ulceration of Bowels	Beechwood St.
Mar. 2	Drusilla Lothrop	56	2	10	Consumption	Hingham.
Mar. 4	Ethel Marion Brown	17	5	11	Peritonitis	Beechwood St.
Mar. 5	(3) Robert Williams	51	9	7	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Elm St.
Mar. 6	Andrew J. Souther	67	5	6	Apoplexy	Highland Ave.
Mar. 20	Mary Flemming	70	0	0	General Debility following La Grippe	Border St.
Mar. 22	Mary Adele Crocker	40	5	0	Plumonary Phthisis	South Main St.
Mar. 25	(4) Maria (Quinlan) Duggan	78	10	0	Cancer	Atlantic Ave.
Mar. 25	Jennie (Chadwick) Gale	57	10	19	Pneumonia	North Main St.
Mar. 28	Frank Pearson	55	5	24	Bronchial Pneumonia	Margin St.
Apr. 4	William F. Ripley	48	1	13	Congestion of Brain	Weymouth.
Apr. 6	Harriet (Barnes) Beal	80	0	22	Cancer	Hull St.
Apr. 9	(5) Patrick Lyons	48	0	0	Brights Disease	Jerusalem Road.
Apr. 16	(5) John Henry O'Brien	33	7	6	Chronic Rheumatism	Pleasant St.
Apr. 19	Harriot Eustace Pratt	79	0	0	Broncho Pneumonia	South Main St.
Apr. 19	(6) William Franklin Burrell	45	8	0	Fracture of Skull and of Sternum	Cedar St.
May 11	Sabra (Peck) Clark	90	4	0	Cancer	Pond St.
May 11	Frederick E. Martin	22	8	20	Organic Heart Disease, Hemoptysis	Waltham

May 12	(5) Eugene Sullivan	36	0	0	Pneumonia	Smith's Place.
May 12	Helen Francis Stoddard	57	10	1	Impacted Hepatic Calculi	Elm St.
May 18	(7) Abiel Rogers Terrill	53	0	0	Drowning	Mass. Bay.
May 22	James Cutler Doane	88	3	12	La Grippe	Sohier St.
May 26	(8) Fanny Gordan McDonald	24	1	26	Phthisis	North Main St.
May 31	Arelia (Beals) Stetson	67	1	23	Broncho Pneumonia	Summer St.
June 12	Caleb F. B. Tilden	57	1	24	Brights Disease	South Main St.
June 30	Ida Willett Beal	35	0	0	Cancer	Hull St.
July 13	Mary Grace	0	11	27	Infantile Atrophy	Church St.
July 16	Myron Elwood Anderson	2	1	5	Acute Meningitis following Chronic Gastritis	Beechwood St.
July 19	(9) Arthur Herbert Chester	30	5	16	Malaria	Jerusalem Road.
July 26	(10) Sarah E. (Pratt) Knapp	45	11	8	Cancer of Breast	South Main St.
July 28	Edna Frances Flint	0	0	½	Premature birth General Weakness	Hull St.
Aug. 2	Joseph Osgood	82	10	9	Valvular Disease of Heart	North Main St.
Aug. 10	Beatrice Cecilia Anderson	0	4	0	Congestion of Brain	Beechwood St
Aug. 16	(11) Elvira (Dudley) Bates	32	0	0	Valvular Disease of Heart	Ripley Road.
Aug. 19	Edward H. Taylor	36	5	0	Accidental	Beechwood St.
Aug. 22	Sarah S. Groce	83	4	23	Old Age	Hull St.
Aug 23	Abbie Francis Tower	25	3	0	Pulmonary Phthisis	South Main St.
Sept. 2	Charles F. Bennett	59	2	0	General Paralysis	Elm Street.
Sept. 21	Channing Treat Bates	0	2	26	Convulsions	Elm St.
Sept. 29	Manuel Joseph Grassie	34	2	0	Pulmonary Phthisis	Border St.
Oct. 4	(3) Katherine DeFord	9	4	11	Sarcoma of Lung	Jerusalem Road.
Oct. 4	Mary Ann Morse	86	1	13	Atony of the Stomach	Jerusalem Road.
Oct. 5	Bela Stoddard	79	4	0	Broncho Pneumonia	Jerusalem Road.
Oct. 16	Jennie Sterling	79	2	17	Chronic Gastritis	King St.
Oct. 17	Ophelia Willcutt	85	7	26	Paralysis	Dedham.
Oct. 18	William A. Taylor	60	10	0	General Cerebral Anarmia	Church St.
Oct. 26	Hannah E. (Clark) Studley	52	0	0	Bronchial Pneumonia	Border St.
Nov. 6	Jane C. White	79	0	0	Valvular Heart Disease	Taunton.
Nov. 13	Mary G. (Nichols) Pettee	73	9	7	Sarcoma	Jerusalem Road.
Nov. 17	Caroline Lothrop Bates	71	9	12	Cancer	South Main St.
Dec. 12	Nellie Troy Coughlan	27	0	0	Pulmonary Phthisis	South Main St.

1. Buried at Weymouth. 2 Buried at Sictuate. 3. Buried at Forests Hill Cem. 4. Caverly Cem., Roxbury. 5. Buried at Hingham. 6. Buried at N. Weymouth. 7. Buried at Underhill, Vt. 8. Prince Edward, Is. 9. Buried at Chelsea. 10. Buried at North Attleboro. 11. Buried at Lynn.

The above list comprises sixty names, and includes six who have died in other places who were either residents of this town or were brought here for burial.

Of the fifty-four who died in this town, twenty were males and thirty-four were females; their average age was forty-nine years, six months and four and one-half days.

Twenty-one were born in Cohasset, seven in Boston, three in Maine, two in New Hampshire, two in Scituate, one in Vermont, one in Rhode Island, one in Weymouth, one in Stoughton, one in Needham, one in Wrentham, one in Danvers, one in Hingham, one in Provincetown, and ten in foreign countries.

Seven were under five years, one between five and ten, one between ten and twenty, three between twenty and thirty, nine between thirty and forty, four between forty and fifty, eight between fifty and sixty, three between sixty and seventy, eleven between seventy and eighty, six between eighty and ninety, and one over ninety years of age.

HARRY F. TILDEN,

Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

The accounts of the various expenditures of the town under direction of the Selectmen, during the year 1898, so clearly shown upon the following pages seem to require no further words of explanation, yet where in some cases the amount expended has exceeded the appropriation made therefor, the reasons why, very properly may be stated. So with a desire to present this account in its fullest light we have first to speak of the

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

This account, it will be noticed, exceeds the appropriation by $392.40. Extraordinary expense has been incurred this year on account of permanent alterations and needed improvements having been made, which undoubtedly will stop expense in this direction for some time; although we do not wish to dismiss the hope that the Town will soon recognize the necessity of a thorough reconstruction of the sanitary accommodations of the building.

The need of a bulkhead from the cellar has long been felt, and one has been made. Other expenditures which with the above mentioned, account fully for the excess, are the taking down of two chimneys and the consequent repairing of the roof, the repairing of plastering, cornices, etc., all made necessary by the construction of the fire proof vault.

THE FIRE PROOF VAULT.

Five hundred dollars was raised and appropriated for this purpose in 1897, and five hundred dollars again in 1898. This amount was thought to be sufficient for the purpose, but the Legislature of 1898 passed a law by which all fire proof vaults for the safe keeping of public records should be

furnished with metallic fittings. By this an unexpected expense of two hundred and fifty dollars was incurred, which accounts for about the whole of the overrun. We have, however, a fine vault to show for the money expended.

THE BORDER STREET WIDENING.

The work of rebuilding and widening Border street would have been completed but for the delay in removing the buildings upon the location. We have repeatedly called the attention of the owner to the matter of removal, but without success. Unless the buildings are removed early the coming spring, it will be the duty of your Selectmen to take the proper and lawful steps for their removal, and proceed to finish the road as ordered by the County Commissioners. It will be seen by the report that the amount to be paid by the County has not been received, as it is not due until the road is completed and accepted by the Commissioners.
The destructive storm of last November will occasion some additional expense for repairs on this, as well as on all our shore roads to a very much larger amount.

SUNDAY POLICE.

A petition numerously signed for special police service on the summer Sundays was recognized, and the request granted, with good results. It seems a very proper thing to do, to control as far as practicable, whatever lawlessness manifests itself on those days, especially; and a similar course will probably be adopted in the future.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

Another year has passed and another apology is offered for the neglect in not having a fountain placed upon Atlantic avenue.

We shall endeavor not to be obliged to apologize again.

With these preliminary statements we respectfully submit the financial account, which is as follows:—

EXPENDITURES.

Town of Cohasset for the Year Ending December 31, 1898, by the Selectmen.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' RELIEF.

Margaret Nott.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		$48 00

Emily N. Phinney.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		72 00

Mrs. James Rooney and family.

Paid Tower Bros & Co., fuel, etc.	$8 75	
Joseph St. John, groceries,	5 00	
Wm. F. Thayer & Son, provisions . . .	16 03	
Philander Bates, boots, etc.	3 85	
Oliver H. Howe, M.D., attendance . . .	22 00	
Caleb Lothrop, agent, house-rent	37 50	
		93 13

Mrs. Eliza J. Litchfield.

Paid Frank W. Browne, medicine	$20 80	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., attendance . . .	20 00	
Oliver H. Howe, M.D., attendance . . .	4 00	
Mrs. Mary Almeida, nursing	5 00	
Mrs. Edwin H. Gardner, nursing . . .	20 00	

Paid Arthur C. Litchfield, fares and wrapper . . .	$9 95	
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	53 66	
Lot W. Bates, house-rent .	45 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	39 50	
Almshouse, wood . .	36 00	
George K. Nickerson, provisions	23 84	
		$277 75
Reuben S. Gurney and wife.		
Paid Tower Bros. & Co., coal and wood . . .		9 25
Oliver D. Morey and family.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer		75 00
Isaac H. Tower and family.		
Paid Philander Bates, boots, etc.	$14 10	
Cohasset Clothing Co., .	13 00	
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance	18 50	
		45 60
Mrs. Levi Minot.		
Paid Town of Franklin . .		107 93
William F. Harris.		
Paid C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance . . .		1 00
Total Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief .		$729 66

STATE AID.

Paid Harriet J. Apts . .	$48 00
Leander W. Groce . .	60 00
William F. Harris . .	57 00
Alfred Haskell . .	48 00
Eliza J. Litchfield . .	48 00

Paid Warren Newcomb . .	$54 00	
Delia Rooney . . .	48 00	
Reuben S. Gurney . .	54 00	
		$417 00

To be reimbursed by the State.

MILITARY AID.

Paid Charles F. Bennett .	$132 00	
Robert L. Curtis . .	216 00	
Isaac H. Tower . .	48 00	
Willie F. Thayer . .	96 00	
		$492 00

One half to be reimbursed by the State.

FISH-WAYS AT LINCOLN'S MILL.

Paid Henry R. Nickerson, labor	$29 50	
Frank H. Pratt, labor .	3 00	
James E. Brennock, labor	51 00	
Litchfield Bros., ironwork	6 80	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, etc. . . .	47 16	
		$137 46

One-half to be paid by Scituate.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Treasurer of School Committee, appropriation	13,500 00
Treasurer of School Committee, amount of dog money	223 83
Treasurer of School Committee, interest of Ripley fund	40 40
Treasurer of School Committee, special appropriation	100 00
	$13,864 23

HENRY BRYANT POST 98, G. A. R.

Paid William F. Thayer, Quartermaster .		$100 00

TOWN HALL—LIGHTING, FUEL AND JANITOR.

Paid William F. Tilden, janitor	$450 00	
Cohasset Electric Co., lights	222 63	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	104 20	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	66 36	
		$843 19
Deduct amount received for rent of hall	$274 00	
Amount received, care of, and warming Library . .	100 00	
		374 00
		$469 19

TOWN HALL REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

Paid Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, paint, etc. . . .	$117 81
J. Farquhar's Sons, repairing roof . . .	19 50
Robert B. Pratt, carpentering	41 50
William T. Tilden, carpentering	25 00
Allen C. Bates, plumbing, etc.	73 76
Barstow Stove Co., piping, etc.	77 49
Israel C. Vinal, painting .	33 12
Joseph C. Anderson, painting	16 25
Edgar W. Bates, electric-wiring, etc. . . .	29 77

Paid Gross & Nichols, glass, putty, etc. . . .	$5 70	
Charles F. Tilden, iron-work	9 68	
Abraham J. Antoine, carpentering, 1897 . .	30 25	
Mary Reilly, cleaning, 1897,	4 00	
Frank W. Browne, 1897 .	1 80	
George M. Ennice, labor on bulk-head . .	17 33	
Antoine E. Salvador, labor on bulk-head . .	20 25	
		$523 21

FIRE-PROOF VAULT.

Paid Spencer H. Stoughton, mason	$200 00	
John A. Thayer, mason .	28 50	
Anthony C. Frates, mason,	40 00	
Thomas Ross, plasterer .	19 25	
Daniel De Mello, laborer .	13 25	
Edward H. Taylor, laborer,	12 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., brick, cement, etc. . . .	368 21	
Est. Caleb F. B. Tilden, sand and cartage . .	25 03	
N.Y., N.H. & H. R.R. Co., old steel . . .	29 65	
Edward Nichols, architect,	50 00	
George H. Richter & Co., metallic fittings . .	250 00	
Moss Safe Co., doors .	220 00	
Manuel P. Valine . .	3 00	
		$1,258 89

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid orders as drawn by the Fire Engineers . . .	$1,279 21	
A. C. Abbott, electric fire alarm	135 00	
		$1,414 21

HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS.

Paid per order of Superintendent of Streets .	$9,249 26

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid William H. Pratt and others	$8 75
Joseph Jason and others .	66 49
Thomas L. Bates and others	134 60
James A. Cook . .	6 00
Samuel E. Pratt and others	155 72
Caleb F. B. Tilden and others	85 13
Estate C. F. B. Tilden and others	62 63
Andrew H. Prouty and others	28 75
Philander Bates, paid sundry persons . . .	15 50
Thomas D. Blossom and others	10 00
Manuel P. Valine . .	4 00
Est. Alden Beal and others	35 50
Alson S. Richardson and others	16 50
William O. Souther and others	121 14
Almshouse team . .	38 00

Paid L. Lincoln Worrick and others	$21 25	
Charles F. Tilden, snow plows	84 00	
		$893 96

ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAW.

Paid W. G. A. Pattee, attorney	$20 00	
Henry F. Naphen, attorney	17 00	
Law and Order League .	140 00	
Liba F. Litchfield, services of officers . . .	93 00	
		$270 00
Cr.		
By fines received . . .	$188 84	
Less court fees paid . .	9 50	
		179 34
		$90 66

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Cohasset Electric Co., as per contract .		$5,000 00

PRINTING.

Paid Weymouth & Braintree Pub. Co., reports .	$165 50	
Weymouth & Braintree Pub. Co., notices . .	7 75	
Pratt Bros., assessors' notices and poll tax list .	17 50	
Vining & Matthews, warrants, etc. . . .	7 25	
Cotton & Gould, tax bills .	14 80	
		$212 80

PROPOSED DAM AT LITTLE HARBOR.

Paid H. T. Whitman, survey and plan . . .	$36 00	
Peter C. Kimball, entertainment Harbor Commissioners and committee .	16 50	
Estate C. F. B. Tilden, barge . . , .	5 00	
		$57 50

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Oliver H. Howe, M. D., vaccination, etc. . .	$8 30	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., vaccination, etc. . .	3 00	
N. W. Treat, opening drain,	9 50	
Richard Caddon, burying dog	1 50	
Thomas Loney, cleaning vault, etc. . . .	18 50	
George Monteiro, labor .	6 00	
Stephen Reilly, labor .	8 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., lime, etc.	10 05	
Est. C. F. B. Tilden, reremoving body from beach	2 00	
Philander Bates, services and expenses . .	15 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, services	10 00	
		$91 85

WATERING STREETS.

Paid Hingham Water Co., water, etc.	$220 00	
Est. Alden Beal, sprinkling	326 00	
Annie E. Lincoln, water .	10 00	
F. E. Whitney, repairs on pump, etc. . . .	26 80	
Tower Bros. & Co., gasolene, etc. . . .	16 08	
Cohasset Water Co., repairing pipe . . .	6 52	
Est. C. F. B. Tilden, sprinkling . . .	790 00	
		$1,395 40

WATER FOR HYDRANTS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Paid Treasurer Cohasset Water Company . . .	$1,850 00	
Treasurer Hingham Water Company . . .	150 00	
		$2,000 00

NIGHT AND SPECIAL POLICE.

Paid Manuel S. Enos, night police	$724 00
J. William Edwards, night police	608 00
William E. Crocker, night police	62 00
Thomas Mannix, night police,	92 00
" day "	30 00
John Roche, " "	26 00

Paid Sidney L. Beal, day police	$26 00	
A. B. Litchfield, " "	22 00	
Edward E. Wentworth, "	18 00	
		$1,608 00

INSPECTION OF CATTLE AND PROVISIONS.

Paid Caleb F. Nichols, inspector . . .		$250 00

STRAITS POND.

Paid George W. Beal, care of gate	$90 00	
George W. Beal, labor on dam	8 00	
George W. Beal, for lubricating oil . . .	1 20	
		$99 20

TOWN HISTORY.

Paid Treasurer of Committee, appropriation .		$1,200 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Treasurer, 1898, tax .	$3,105 00	
County Treasurer, 1898, tax	4,620 54	
		$7,725 54

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Paid Treasurer Cohasset Free Public Library, appropriation . . .	$850 00	
Treasurer Nantasket Free Public Library, appropriation . . .	100 00	
		$950 00

STATE ROAD—FIRST SECTION.

Paid Fred G. James, labor and team	$51 25	
John Kennedy, labor .	28 00	
George E. Antoine, labor	28 00	

Paid Frank Beiler, labor . .	$24 00	
Clarence Studley, labor .	30 00	
Thomas Curtis, labor .	27 00	
L. Lincoln Worrick, labor and team . . .	41 25	
Manuel Oliver, labor .	20 00	
Levi E. Tower, labor .	8 00	
Henry Keating, labor .	8 00	
Antoine Vargus, Jr., labor	28 00	
John L. Pratt, labor . .	17 50	
Thomas D. Blossom . .	2 50	
Manuel S. Leonard, labor .	8 00	
Manuel P. Valine, labor .	8 00	
Patrick Downes, labor .	6 00	
Estate Alden Beale, labor .	5 00	
Robert L. Curtis, labor .	3 50	
John Beale, steam rolling .	53 12	
Willie F. Thayer, labor, etc.	10 00	
Arthur A. Davenport, agent, team, etc. . .	30 00	
Arthur Mulvey, road material	23 75	
Francis Beal, care of lantern	8 35	
Tower Bros. & Co., stock for fencing, paint, etc. .	84 30	
Estate James O'Brien, labor and team . . .	12 50	
		$566 02
Less amount received from the State . .		545 53
Net cost to the Town for 1898 . . .		20 49
Net cost to the Town as per Town Report for 1897		$1,889 96
Total cost of first section State road to the Town		$1,910 45

STATE ROAD REPAIRS — FIRST SECTION.

Paid L. Lincoln Worrick, labor and team . . .	$28 75	
Charles E. Tyrer, labor .	23 50	
Elisha Stetson, grass seed .	2 28	
		$54 53

To be reimbursed by the State.

BORDER STREET — SPECIAL.

Paid Nathaniel R. Prouty, labor	$25 00
Joseph W. Almeida, labor	22 50
Antoine E. Salvador, labor	188 00
Andrew H. Prouty, labor .	35 50
George Monteiro, labor .	93 00
Harry W. Burbank, labor .	137 50
George Jason, labor and teams	108 75
William Mulvey, labor and and teams . . .	126 25
Frank W. Wheelwright, labor and teams . . .	15 00
Edward L. Stevens, labor and team . . .	65 30
Joseph Jason, teams . .	116 50
Louis T. Cushing, teams .	30 00
Manuel S. Leonard, labor and team . . .	113 75
Oliver H. Bates, labor and team	45 00
Elmer E. Bates, labor and team.	45 00
Joseph W. Whitcomb, labor and team . . .	45 00
Charles W. Gammons, Tr., team and gravel . .	276 65
Clarence Studley, labor .	4 00

Paid George E. Antoine, labor	$43 00	
William St. John, labor .	24 00	
John Kennedy, labor .	91 00	
William Lee, labor . .	115 50	
Otis V. Barnes, labor .	123 50	
Manuel L. Botalio, labor .	40 50	
Manuel R. Sylvia, labor .	162 00	
Manuel Oliver, labor .	22 00	
John E. F. Frates, labor .	70 14	
George M. Ennice, labor .	163 11	
Manuel P. Valine, labor .	184 48	
Manuel Sylvia, 2d, labor .	28 00	
Arthur Mulvey, gravel .	90 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, &c.	90 34	
Charles F. Tilden, ironwork	223 86	
Gross & Nichols, rendrock	63 13	
Frank M. Nichols, smithing	38 75	
Charles E. West, rendrock	3 50	
George H. Roberts, photographs . . .	3 00	
Charles H. Willard, Agent, land damage . . .	55 00	
Catherine R. Brennock, land damage . . .	450 00	
Mary C. Bigelow, land damage . . .	300 00	
Heirs John J. Lothrop, land damage . . .	50 00	
		$3,927 51
Received of Joseph S. Bigelow for setting posts and fencing . . .		41 25
		$3,886 26

The amount paid for land damages is to be reimbursed.

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Manuel S. Enos, care of lock-up . . .	$10 00
Manuel S. Enos, meals for prisoners . . .	3 25
Horace J. Damon, expense recovering stolen horse .	10 00
Luther J. Bates, distributing reports . . .	6 00
Oliver H. Howe, M.D., return of births . .	4 25
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., expressing paid . .	75
Albert J. Morris, labor on flag-staff and flag . .	2 50
Lot. W. Bates, care of clock to April 1	7 50
William T. Tilden, care of clock from April 1 .	22 50
Berlin Bridge Co., street signs	9 00
Andrew H. Prouty, trimming trees . . .	16 00
Andrew H. Prouty, mowing common, etc. . .	15 50
George L. Davenport, repairing old plans . .	12 00
Caleb Lothrop, agent, insuring Town Hall . .	165 50
Joseph J. Bates, expressing	1 40
Daniel R. McKay, court fees	3 60
John F. Turner, court fees,	5 90

Paid E. L. Burdakin, copy of R. E. transfers . .	$15 00
Joseph Breck & Sons, horse lawn mower, etc. . .	118 00
H. E. Fernald, M. D., return of births . .	4 00
E. Howard Watch & Clock Co., repairing clock .	6 75
John Mulcahy, mowing common and school-house lot	53 50
Thomas Mulcahy, mowing common and school house lot	64 00
John H. Wilbur, trimming trees	16 00
Charles H. Willard, damage to grass near base-ball field, two years .	10 00
Warren F. Snow, return of deaths	6 00
C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, return of deaths . .	2 25
C. H. Woodbury & Co., show-case, historical room,	25 00
Est. C. F. B. Tilden, freight and carting above,	6 82
Est. C. F. B. Tilden, team for constable . .	43 50
Est. C. F. B. Tilden, team for town clerk . .	7 50
Est. C. F. B. Tilden, team for registrars of voters .	2 50
Est. C. F. B. Tilden, team for town hall, etc. . .	4 61

Paid Est. C. F. B. Tilden, team for Assessors . .	6 00
Est. C. F. B. Tilden, horse for lawn mower . .	34 50
Harry W. Souther, stamps, envelopes, etc. . .	27 74
J. W. Edwards, board of traveller . . .	1 00
Charles C. Smith, board of traveller . . .	1 50
H. L. Washburn, board of traveller . . .	6 00
H. L. Washburn, meals for prisoners . . .	2 50
N. Y., N. H. & H. Railroad Co., old rail for gate .	7 00
Herbert L. Brown, pump and setting . . .	22 29
Allen C. Bates, dippers for fountains, etc. . .	1 71
O. E. Martell & Co., letter book	3 00
Edward E. Wentworth, services and expenses, insane and other cases .	31 00
Peter C. Kimball, election lunch	10 00
Manuel S. Enos, posting warrants . . .	4 50
Manuel S. Enos, services insane case . . .	3 00
Cohasset Mutual Fire Ins. Co., Insurance Osgood School	35 00

Paid Daniel W. Pratt, painting sign, etc. . . .	$1 25	
Daniel N. Tower, survey and plan . . .	23 00	
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance on man at Mulvey's	10 00	
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., return of births . .	2 25	
Joseph St. John, paper, etc.	29	
Charles F. Tilden, repairs on fence at Common .	12 30	
Charles F. Tilden, sundries	7 25	
Tower Bros. & Co., U. S. flag for Town Hall .	14 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., sundries	9 35	
Harry F. Tilden, recording births, deaths and marriages	38 80	
Harry F. Tilden, burial permits, etc. . .	9 75	
Harry F. Tilden, printing, stamps, etc. . . .	4 76	
Harry F. Tilden, paid express	3 70	
Harry F. Tilden, administering oaths . . .	4 50	
Edward E. Ellms, rent of ball field . . .	75 00	
Arthur O. Higgins, repairing boat . . .	4 55	
		$1,098 57

JAMES' BROOK.

Paid Antoine E. Salvador, labor	$53 75	
George M. Ennice, labor .	40 00	

Paid George Jason, teaming stone	$25 00	
John C. Howe, stone .	55 40	
		$174 15

ABATEMENTS.

Paid from tax list of 1889 .	$4 17	
" " " " 1890 .	42 20	
" " " " 1891 .	169 21	
" " " " 1892 .	234 51	
" " " " 1893 .	264 64	
" " " " 1894 .	278 59	
" " " " 1895 .	220 09	
" " " " 1896 .	83 31	
" " " " 1897 .	51 32	
" " " " 1898 .	103 19	
		$1,451 23

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Philander Bates, services and expenses as Selectman and Assessor . .	$383 40	
Philander Bates, copying valuation for State .	30 00	
Philander Bates, services and expenses on Corporation and Bank taxes .	25 00	
Joseph S. Bigelow, services and expenses as Selectman and Assessor .	125 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses as Selectman and Assessor .	326 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, copying valuation for State .	30 00	

Paid Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses on Corporation and Bank taxes	$23 67
Abraham H. Tower, Treasurer	200 00
Abraham H. Tower, Collector of Taxes . . .	200 00
Harry F. Tilden, Town Clerk	75 00
Harry F. Tilden, Clerk of Registrars of Voters .	20 00
Charles F. Tilden, Registrar of Voters . .	20 00
C. James Pratt, Registrar of Voters . . .	20 00
John L. Pratt, Registrar of Voters	20 00
Allen C. Bates, Sealer of Weights and Measures .	50 00
Wentworth J. Earl, Auditor	25 00
Manuel S. Enos, Election Officer	3 50
Thomas Mannix, Election Officer	3 50
Edward E. Ellms, Election Officer	3 50
John Roche, Election Officer	3 50
John Roche, services as Constable . . .	45 00
Edward E. Wentworth, services as Constable .	41 00
Manuel S. Enos, services as Constable . . .	15 00

Paid Charles L. Kittrell, services as Constable .	$20 00	
Thomas Mannix, services as Constable . . .	50 00	
A. Bradford Litchfield, services as Constable .	141 00	
Sidney L. Beal, services as Constable . . .	14 00	
William E. Crocker, services as Constable, 1897	35 00	
		$1,948 07

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

December 31, 1898.

OSGOOD SCHOOLHOUSE DEBT.

Cohasset Savings Bank, 4 time notes . .	$12,000 00

FUNDED DEBT OF 1893.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 5 time notes	17,000 00

DEMAND LOAN.

Cohasset Savings Bank, 4 notes, 1896 . .	14,500 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, bridge note, 1897, balance	5,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, 2 notes, 1897 . .	10,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, 3 notes, 1898 . .	10,000 00
Total interest bearing debt .	$68,500 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

December 31, 1898.

Due from Commonwealth for State and military aid	$663 00
Commonwealth for State paupers	142 93
Commonwealth for repairs on State road	54 53
Commonwealth balance Bank and Corporation tax	2,000 00
City of Boston	185 03
Town of Dana	9 25
Town of Hingham	103 85
Town of Scituate	234 48
Charles H. Willard	234 45
County of Norfolk	855 00
Pumping plant, Spring street	900 00
Balance in treasury	10,921 20
	$16,303 72
Total debt of Town	$68,500 00
Deduct assets	16,303 72
Net debt	$52,196 28

ESTIMATES.

Amounts estimated by the Selectmen to be required to meet the expenses of the town for the year 1899:—

For payment of debt	$6,400 00
" " interest	3,000 00
support of schools	13,000 00
support and relief of poor	6,000 00
highways and sidewalks	13,000 00

For electric lights	$5,000 00
water for hydrants	2,200 00
soldiers' and sailors' relief	700 00
town officers	2,000 00
watering streets	1,300 00
special police	1,600 00
fire department	1,000 00
removing snow	1,000 00
public libraries	950 00
Henry Bryant Post 98, G.A.R.	100 00
printing	250 00
Straits Pond	150 00
military aid	250 00
inspection of provisions	125 00
town hall	500 00
incidentals	1,000 00
on account iron bridge	1,000 00
board of health	100 00
	$60,625 00

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Valuation of real estate, 1897	$2,709,846 00
Valuation of personal estate, 1897	2,069,490 00
Total valuation, 1897	$4,779,336 00
Valuation of real estate, 1898	$2,803,949 00
Valuation of personal estate, 1898	1,993,671 00
Total valuation, 1898	$4,797,620 00
Increase of real estate, 1898	$94,103 00
Decrease of personal estate, 1898	75,819 00
Total increase, 1898	$18,284 00

Number of polls, 1898 . . .	630
State tax, 1898	$3,105 00
County tax, 1898	4,620 54
Town grant, 1898	40,495 00
Overlayings, 1898	296 23
Total tax assessed, 1898 . . .	48,516 77
Tax rate per $1,000, 1898 .. .	9 85
Number of persons assessed, 1898 .	1079
Number of persons assessed on property, 1898	873
Number of persons assessed on poll tax only	206
Number of dwellings assessed in 1898	623
Number of horses assessed in 1898 .	449
Number of cows assessed in 1898 .	259
Number of neat cattle assessed in 1898	41
Number of swine assessed in 1898 .	12
Number of fowl assessed in 1898 .	1216
Number of bicycles assessed in 1898	251

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN.

During the Year 1898.

February, Frank W. Wheelwright, Supreme Judicial Court.
March, Israel C. Vinal, Grand Juror.
March, Willie F. Thayer, Superior Court.
April, David Hamblen, Superior Court.
September, George W. Pratt, Superior Court.
September, Edwin Bates, Superior Court.
November, Otis S. Wilbur, Superior Court.
December, Arthur Mulvey, Superior Court.

LIST OF JURORS.

Submitted to the town by the Selectmen for its acceptance or revision at the annual meeting to be held March 6th, 1899.

Abraham J. Antoine,
Arthur S. Bates,
Harry C. Bates,
Isaac W. Beal,
Francis Beal,
Henry E. Brennock,
James T. Bailey,
Orlando Curtis,
George L. Davenport,
John M. Damon,
Wentworth J. Earle,
John E. F. Frates,
Joseph E. Grassie,
Darius W. Gilbert,
Charles H. Hackett,
Edward L. Stevens,
Alexander Williams, jr.,
George P. Tower,
Joseph D. Hutchinson,
Fred G. James,
Herman S. James
George W. Kimball,
Charles L. Kittrell,
Frederic L. Lincoln,
James D. Lincoln,
Levi T. Lincoln,
Henry L. McMahon,
Benjamin F. Morse,
George P. Neagle,
John J. A. Pratt,
John L. Pratt,
William H. Pratt,
John Roche,
Ephraim Snow, jr.,
Warren L. Tower,
Manuel P. Valine.

REPORT OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

For the Year Ending December 31, 1898.

The Almshouse has been continued for 1898 under the same Superintendent and Matron as last year, and with the same degree of success and satisfaction to the Overseers. There has been considerable sickness and one death, which has somewhat increased the expenditures. Your Overseers would again call attention to the need of a more modern constructed house, and in an article inserted in the annual town meeting warrant will ask the town for authority to build new buildings suitably arranged for the purposes of an Almshouse, whenever the present property is disposed of, authority for which was given at the last annual town meeting. An agent of the State Board of Lunacy and Charity visited the Almshouse last September and made the following report: "No changes are reported at this Almshouse, and it is totally unfit for its present use. Owing to structural defects, separation of the sexes, and of the sane from the insane, cannot be secured. The place is well managed, and the inmates receive good care." Should new buildings be erected, the land, owned by the town, on Pond street, would be suitable for the purpose. Your Overseers have endeavored to keep down as much as possible the outside expense, but until better accommodations at the Almshouse are provided will be unable to reduce it very much. The following is an account of expenditures for support and relief of the poor the past year: —

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT. DEBIT.

Paid George W. Tinkham, Superintendent . . .	$600 00
Frank W. Browne, medicines (1897) . .	32 61
Frank W. Browne, medicines	37 84
Joseph St. John, groceries, &c., (1897) . , .	27 59
Joseph St. John, groceries, &c. . , . .	91 73
M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries, &c. . . .	45 00
Elisha Stetson, groceries, &c.	11 64
C. Darling, Massachusetts Ploughman . . .	2 00
Harry W. Souther, Daily Globe	5 50
Cohasset Clothing Co. .	26 40
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	54 39
Philander Bates, boots and shoes	23 08
Estate C. F. B. Tilden, grain	161 40
Estate C. F. B. Tilden, team	26 00
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., professional attendance .	3 50
Allen C. Bates, plumbing, &c.	30 02
Gross & Nichols, groceries	127 00
Samuel D. Tower, repairs, &c., ...	6 25

Paid Warren F. Snow, undertaker	$25 00
George K. Nickerson, meats	69 39
William F. Thayer & Son, meats	76 51
Danforth P. Sylvester, fish, &c.	37 01
William O. Souther, ice .	8 50
Estate Frances H. Nichols, dry goods . . .	57 26
Charles E. McKenzie, smithing . . .	21 95
Joseph E. Grassie, fish .	35 86
Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., professional attendance . . .	132 00
Frank E. Winslow, provisions	95 92
Charles F. Tilden, smithing	18 85
Tower Bros. & Co., groceries, paints, &c., .	134 14
Estate Edward E. Tower, gravel (1897) . .	4 40
Mr. Merritt, repairing saws	2 80
George O. Higgins & Son, groceries . . .	62 37
Warren White, cutting wood	6 00
Harry White, cutting wood,	13 50
William Cutler, pastry .	11 95
L. Belcher, two cows .	48 00
Jordan, Marsh & Co., dry goods	5 00

Paid Cobb, Aldrich & Co., groceries	$12 35
Mrs. Wheelwright, wood .	8 00
F. B. Wilcox, fish . .	5 43
Thomas W. Whitcomb, butchering and vegetables	10 25
Henry Cushing, repairing harness . . .	5 20
Joseph Breck & Sons, seeds,	4 00
C. H. McCarter, pigs .	30 00
John Thompson, pigs .	13 50
L. Lincoln Worrick, wood, etc.	7 15
Cohasset greenhouses, plants	3 00
Mr. Bates, difference in horse	15 00
J. H. Hackett, sawing .	1 50
Litchfield's express . .	2 25
Miss Blanche Tinkham, tea agent	2 25
Joseph F. Sylvia, cutting wood	19 50
Seaverns & Spear, goods .	9 50
William H. H. Hancock, repairing clock . .	1 00
Harry White, fish . .	1 60
Arthur A. Davenport, agent, wood	15 00
Elmer E. Bates, cow .	20 00
Otis Bros., pastry . .	1 00
Sundry bills . . .	18 57
Philander Bates, services .	32 50

Paid Joseph S. Bigelow, services	$15 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, services	27 50	
		$2,459 41

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT. CREDIT.

Received of George K. Nickerson, beef, etc., . .	$29 10
Elmer Dalby, fowl, . .	27 28
Harry White, hay, etc., .	12 60
George M. Ennice, wood and squashes . .	11 50
Elisha Stetson, wood .	1 50
William V. Creed, wood .	1 50
Mrs. George Bates, wood .	1 50
Frank Pierson, wood .	3 00
James W. Nichols, difference in cows . .	5 00
Thomas W. Whitcomb, cow's hide . . .	4 00
Frank Sylvia, pig . .	4 00
Joseph Frates, pig . .	4 00
Joseph Caton, pig . .	6 00
Benjamin F. Morse, pig .	6 00
Wentworth J. Earl, pigs .	8 00
Benjamin T. Morse, pig .	3 00
George E. W. Ide, pig .	3 00
Antoine E. Salvador, pig .	4 00
Thomas Ready, pigs .	6 00
Samuel L. Williams, pig .	4 00
Robert T. Burbank labor .	75
George O. Higgins, horse	50 00
Willie F. Thayer, hay .	9 68

Received of Newcomb B. Tower, cow	$35 00	
George Jason, cedar posts	6 00	
Mrs. McCormack, cedar posts	6 00	
William W. Bates, milk .	50	
Charles E. Tyrer, milk .	50	
Eliza J. Litchfield, wood .	36 00	
Philander Bates, hay .	7 80	
A. H. Tower, trustee, for board J. J. Lothrop .	136 04	
removing snow	38 00	
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., posts	5 00	
board of 763 tramps . .	305 20	
		$781 45
Almshouse debit brought forward . . .	$2,459 41	
Almshouse credit brought forward . . .	781 45	
Almshouse debit net .		$1,677 96

The following persons have been inmates during the full year 1898:

Elizabeth Hudson, Jane B. Lambert,
John L. Morey, William C. Hayden,
Hester Harris.
John J. Lothrop, boarder.

The following persons have been inmates a portion of the year:

Jennie Sterling, Edgar Harris.

NUMBER OF TRAMPS LODGED.

January	149	May	72	September	24
February	92	June	20	October	51
March	93	July	19	November	57
April	65	August	27	December	94
Total for 1898					763

ASSISTANCE RENDERED OUTSIDE THE ALMS-HOUSE.

Antoine Vargus, Jr., and family.		
Paid Daniel J. Bates, house rent	$55 00	
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	57 71	
Lincoln Bros., coal	40 40	
Philander Bates, boots	10 50	
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., professional attendance	7 50	
		$171 11
William Dean and family.		
Paid Frank W. Browne, medicines (1897)	$4 10	
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for Mr. Dean	169 46	
Cash sent Mrs. Dean at P. E. I.	15 00	
		$188 56
Johanna Colbrith.		
Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital		$169 46
Jane C. White.		
Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital	$146 68	
Taunton undertaker	13 33	
Warren F. Snow, undertaker	5 00	
		$165 01

Lawrence E. Willard.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital . . .		$115 13

Elizabeth J. Dady.

Paid Worcester Insane Hospital . . .		$169 45

Julia Macomber.

Paid Worcester Insane Hospital . . .		$169 48

George B. Williams.

Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts . .		$146 00

Rose A. Burgess.

Paid Medfield Insane Asylum . . .		$146 00

Louis J. Frates and family.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$64 00	
Frank W. Browne, medicine	2 00	
Alvan Hollis, South Weymouth, coal . . .	6 25	
Philander Bates, boots .	2 10	
Aaron Pratt, house rent .	41 92	
Mary Frates, house rent .	22 00	
Charles H. Hackett, wood	5 75	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., prof. attendance . .	16 00	
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	43 02	
George W. Pratt, milk .	2 34	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	15 00	
William F. Thayer & Son, provision . . .	9 71	
		$230 09

Carrie A. Litchfield.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer, for support of child		$20 00

Mrs. George Damon and child.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$130 75	

Paid Oliver H. Howe, M. D., prof. attendance . .	$5 00	
Philander Bates, boots and shoes	3 75	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	6 25	
Edward E. Wentworth, officer	10 00	
		$155 75

Family of Henry L. Bates.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$43 35	
Mrs. Frank Frates, house rent	8 00	
Philander Bates, boots .	7 70	
Town of Norwell, supplies	51 70	
Seth Foster, Norwell, house rent	54 00	
		164 75

Antoine S. Ferreira and family.

Paid Frank W. Browne, medicines	$3 00	
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	20 93	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	8 00	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., professional attendance .	61 00	
		$92 93

Amiel Studley and wife.

Paid Charles H. Willard, agent, house rent . . .	$37 53	
Joseph St. John, groceries	100 56	
Mrs. T. W. Whitcomb, nursing . . .	7 00	
Mrs. Margaret Thompson, nursing . . .	5 00	

Paid H. E. Fernald, M. D., professional attendance .	$29 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	4 15	
Philander Bates, boots .	3 50	
Warren F. Snow, undertaker	30 00	
		$216 74

Rose Andrews and Mary I. Violante.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$107 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	16 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	3 81	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., professional attendance .	9 50	
		$136 31

Joseph E. Smith and son.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$126 03	
Lot W. Bates, house rent .	40 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	16 91	
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., professional attendance .	13 00	
		$195 94

Mrs. Henry Morris, Mrs. John Burbank and child.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$129 09	
Lot W. Bates, house rent .	40 00	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., professional attendance .	51 50	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	23 35	
Edwin Bates, wood . .	26 25	
Philander Bates, boots and rubbers . . .	13 65	
George K. Nickerson, provisions	26 71	
Samuel E. Pratt, milk .	14 50	

Paid Lincoln Bros, coal . .	$7 74	
Order on Town Treasurer .	20 00	
		$352 79

Mrs. Mary DeMello and child.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$3 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal and groceries . .	29 09	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., professional attendance .	11 50	
William F. Thayer & Son., provisions . . .	5 13	
		$48 72

William H. Litchfield and family.

Paid Stoddard & Damon, groceries	$196 95	
Thomas Ward, meats .	9 75	
Lincoln Bros. coal and wood	37 94	
Emeline O. Jacobs, house rent	60 00	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., professional services .	75	
Cohasset Clothing Co. .	3 55	
Philander Bates, boots .	4 50	
		$313 44

Mrs. Mary McGrath and two children.

Paid Oliver H. Howe, M. D., professional services .	$ 75	
Frank W. Browne, medicines	2 00	
Philander Bates, boots, rubbers, &c. . . .	20 01	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	11 75	
Gross & Nichols, groceries	22 50	

Paid C. B. Bridgham, M. D., professional attendance .	$10 00	
Orders on Town Treasurer	60 00	
		$127 01

Mrs. Sabra W. Clark.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$40 00	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., professional attendance .	26 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	11 75	
Warren F. Snow, undertaker	40 00	
Frank W. Browne, medicine	25	
		$118 00

Mrs. Henry L. Morris.

Paid Lincoln Bros., coal . .	$16 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	4 37	
Edwin Bates, wood . .	20 00	
Mrs. Evvie F. Dalby, house rent	40 00	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., professional attendance .	2 50	
		$82 87

Ephraim Battles and wife.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$157 00	
Tower Bros., & Co., coal .	12 20	
		$169 20

Mrs. Bridget Donovan.

Paid City of Boston . .		$71 33

Marie Grassie and child.

Paid Warren F. Snow, undertaker	$10 00	
A. B. Litchfield, burial attendance . . .	3 00	

Paid H. E. Fernald, M. D., professional attendance .	$17 00	
Manuel A. Sylvia, board .	20 00	
		$50 00
Emma Barnes and family.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$60 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	39 10	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., professional attendance .	4 75	
		$103 85
Edward H. Taylor.		
Paid H. E. Fernald, M. D., professional attendance		$10 00
Mrs. Foster Litchfield.		
Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$3 25	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	7 00	
		$10 25
Southward Pratt.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer,	$129 50	
Philander Bates, boots .	2 50	
		$132 00
Caroline Sylvia.		
Paid C. B. Bridgham, M. D., professional attendance		$76 00
Joseph W. Almeida and family.		
Paid W. F. Thayer & Son, provisions . .		$17 60
Mrs. Patrick J. Lyons.		
Paid Lincoln Bros., coal		$8 25
Mrs. John J. Ainslie and child.		
Paid George O. Higgins & Sons, groceries . . .	$7 00	
Tower Bros & Co., coal .	8 55	
Samuel D. Tower, house-rent	20 00	

Paid Philander Bates, boots .	$3 45	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., professional attendance .	18 00	
Frank W. Browne, medicine	25	
		$57 25

John M. Smith.

Paid Homœopathic Hospital .	$22 35	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., professional attendance .	45 75	
		$68 10

Edith Taylor.

Paid C. B. Bridgham, M.D., professional attendance	$14 00

Annie Ruby.

Paid City of Everett	80 00

Edgar Harris.

Paid Treasurer N. E. Home for Little Wanderers	150 00

Albert H. Burdick.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	21 00

Three children of Anthony Anderson.

Paid Marianna Anderson, on account board .	180 00

Mrs. Mary Desmond.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	54 00

Mrs. Mary M. Estes.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	40 00

Joseph J. Sylvia and family.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	32 00

Overseers' Services.

Paid Philander Bates . .	$59 89	
Joseph S. Bigelow . .	10 00	

Paid Newcomb B. Tower . .	$39 15	
Est. C. F. B. Tilden, horse hire	5 50	
		$114 54
Total amount of outside payments . .		$5,154 91

Of those receiving outside assistance the following have been inmates of State Institutions during the year :—

At Taunton Lunatic Hospital.

William Dean, Johanna Colbrith,
Lawrence E. Willard, Jane C. White (died Nov. 5).

At Worcester Insane Hospital.

Elizabeth J. Dady, Julia Macomber.

At Medfield Insane Asylum.

Rose A. Burgess.

At State Almshouse.

George B. Williams.

Outside Credits.

Amount due from City of Boston	$185 03	
Town of Hingham . .	103 85	
Town of Scituate . .	165 75	
Commonwealth	142 93	
Charles H. Willard .	115 13	
interest . .	37 20	
		$749 89

Outside debit brought forward .	$5,154 91	
Outside credit brought forward	749 89	
		$4,405 02

Summary—Overseers of the Poor Account.

Almshouse balance . .	1,677 96	
Outside balance . . .	4,405 02	
Cost for support of poor .		$6,082 98

Respectfully submitted,
PHILANDER BATES,
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,

Overseers of the Poor.

Cohasset, December 31, 1898.

RECAPITULATION—1898.

ITEMS.	Orders Drawn.	Credits.	Net Expenditures.	Appropriation.	With no Appropriation.	Excess of Appropriation.	Less Than Appropriation.
Soldiers' and sailors' relief	$729 66		$729 66	$600 00		$129 66	
State aid	417 00	$417 00					
Military aid	492 00	246 00	246 00	250 00			$4 00
Water for hydrants and public buildings	2,000 00		2,000 00	2,000 00			
Fishways at Lincoln's Mills	137 46	68 73	68 73	80 63			11 90
Support of schools	13,864 23		13,864 23	13,864 23			
Henry Bryant Post 98, G. A. R.	100 00		100 00	100 00			
Town hall, lighting, fuel and janitor	843 19	374 00	469 19	600 00		392 40	
Town hall, repairs and alterations	523 21		523 21				
Fire-proof vault	1,258 89		1,258 89	1,000 00		258 89	
Fire department	1,414 21		1,414 21	1,250 00		164 21	
Repairs of highways and sidewalks	9,249 26		9,249 26	8,377 01		872 25	
Removing snow	893 96		893 96	500 00		393 96	
Enforcement of liquor law	270 00	179 34	90 66	375 93			285 27
Street lights	5,000 00		5,000 00	5,000 00			
Printing	212 80		212 80	275 00			62 20

Proposed dam at Little Harbor	57 50		57 50	300 00			242 50
Board of health	91 85		91 85		91 85		
Watering streets	1,395 40		1,395 40	1,300 00		95 40	
Night and special police	1,608 00		1,608 00	1,500 00		108 00	
Inspection of cattle and provisions	250 00		250 00	250 00			
Straits Pond	99 20		99 20	200 00			100 80
Town history	1,200 00		1,200 00	1,200 00			
Public libraries	950 00		950 00	950 00			
State road, completion of first section	566 02	545 53	20 49		20 49		
State road, repairs of first section	54 53	54 53					
Border street, special	3,927 51	855 00	3,072 51	4,000 00			927 49
Incidentals	1,098 57		1,098 57	1,000 00		98 57	
James' Brook	174 15		174 15		174 15		
Abatements	1,451 23		1,451 23		1,451 23		
Town officers	1,948 07		1,948 07	1,800 00		148 07	
Support and relief of poor	7,614 32	1,531 34	6,082 98	6,000 00		82 98	
State and county taxes	7,725 54		7,725 54	7,725 54			
Totals	$67,617 76	$4,271 47	$63,346 29	$60,498 34	$1,737 72	$2,744 39	$1,634 16

PHILANDER BATES,
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER, } *Selectmen of Cohasset.*

Cohasset, December 31, 1898.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Board of Selectmen:—

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith submit report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898. The first special work of any importance undertaken was on the westerly end of Pond street. The road was practically rebuilt from King street to the residence of Mrs. McCormack by blasting boulders, widening culvert and road bed so that now two teams have no difficulty in passing safely. Amount expended six hundred and fifty dollars.

The next work was the section of road on North Main street from the boundary line between Hingham and Cohasset, to the point where the State road began near residence of W. F. Thayer. A public spirited resident of the town Mr. Albert S. Bigelow called attention to the condition of the road and offered to pay one-half the expense of continuing the stone road to the Hingham line. It is so seldom that we receive offers like this that after conferring with you it was decided to accept the offer and the road was rebuilt with crushed stone purchased of John Beale and rolled with steam roller. Amount expended for this work being six hundred ninety-eight dollars and fifty-two cents, one-half of which as will be seen by the report was paid by Mr. Bigelow. General repairs have been made throughout the town the expense of which was larger than anticipated in

consequence of the heavy rains during the summer, so that the amount paid has exceeded the appropriation and $335.87 still remains unpaid. The storm of last November damaged our shore roads to such an extent that the expense of repairing them and building breakwaters to protect them in the future will be quite large.

A very accurate estimate of this expense cannot at this time be given, but should the weather be favorable for work a near estimate may be given at the annual meeting in March. As the appropriation of last year has been unavoidably overdrawn and the amount that will be required to meet the expense of special repairs in consequence of the damage done by the late storm together with the general repairs needed, I would recommend that the amount of $13,000 be the estimate for repairs of highways and sidewalks for the ensuing year. The following is a statement of appropriations and amounts paid to the persons named for labor, teams, gravel, crushed stone, paving blocks, stone curbing, lumber, drain pipe, etc. :—

Amount of balance as per last report . . .		$27 75
" " appropriation		8,000 00
" " Albert S. Bigelow . . .		349 26
" " over appropriation . . .		872 25
" drawn as per Selectmen's report .		$9,249 26
Paid Philander Bates balance due 1897 . . .	$206 13	
Stephen Reilly balance due 1897	50 00	
Manuel R. Silvey balance due 1897 . . .	50 00	
Otis V. Barnes balance due 1897	50 00	
Thomas Loney . . .	76 63	
John Kennedy . . .	140 00	

Paid Richard Caddan . .	$7	50
Est. James O'Brien . .	77	00
William Mulvey . .	149	25
Susan Pope & Julia Furber,	42	00
George Jason . . .	136	25
Harry W. Burbank . .	56	00
Nathaniel R. Prouty	41	00
James O. McCormack .	39	00
William W. Bates . .	31	00
William E. Smith . .	86	00
Andrew H. Prouty . .	37	50
Joseph A. Antoine . .	45	00
Joseph Jason . . .	235	00
George W. Mealy . .	102	00
Arthur Mulvey . .	1,441	42
Louis T. Cushing . .	110	00
William O. Souther. .	66	50
Thomas Keating . .	4	00
Thomas Grassie . .	4	00
M. Donahue . . .	5	78
Manuel E. Brazill, . .	25	00
L. Lincoln Worrick . .	1	75
Antone E. Salvedor . .	12	50
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. Road	26	66
Hannah Barnes . . .	5	00
Mrs. Joseph Gannett .	2	50
Paul J. Armes . . .	18	00
C. E. West . . .	1	50
H. O. Beal . . .	11	00
John H. Wilbur . .	116	67
William W. Studley . .	12	50
Thomas W. Whitcomb .	60	00
Horace J. Damon . .	88	50
Ira B. Pratt . .	17	00
Samuel V. Hardwick .	34	00

Paid Joseph W. Whitcomb	.	$18 00
Sanford L. Damon	. .	34 00
Aaron Pratt	. . .	27 88
Edwin Bates	. . .	47 50
Levi Lincoln	. . .	25 00
John W. Bates	. . .	29 40
Warren White	. . .	10 00
John W. Frates	. .	10 00
William Almeida	. .	13 40
Isaiah Lincoln	. . .	40 12
Edwin W. Bates	. .	92 30
Frank Bates	. . .	5 41
A. B. Litchfield	. .	7 00
Robert L. Curtis	. .	16 00
Frank Stoddard	. .	140 95
Lot W. Bates	. . .	98 59
Philander Bates	. .	364 13
Levi E. Tower	. . .	20 50
Clarence Studley	. .	54 66
Otis V. Barnes	. . .	120 00
Fred. G. James	. .	284 37
Manuel R. Silvey	. .	167 00
Est. Alden Beal	. .	274 92
Frank M. Nichols	. .	10 63
C. W. Gammons, trustee	.	929 40
Tower Bro. & Co.	. .	256 90
Manuel P. Valine	. .	89 28
Cyrus W. Bates	. .	106 25
Charles F. Tilden	. .	70 56
Thomas F. Kimley	. .	63 00
Manuel S. Leonard	. .	150 00
Elmer E. Bates	. .	101 25
Waldo C. Locke	. .	55 67
Manuel Almeida	. .	32 50
Amos W. Locke	. .	18 66

Paid Edwin B. Studley . .	$11 86	
John Beale, agent . .	547 34	
Lincoln Bro. . . .	1 50	
Oliver H. Bates . .	60 00	
Charles Wilson . .	44 00	
John Q. Wilson . .	132 50	
John Sullivan . . .	13 00	
George Montano . .	4 00	
John J. A. Pratt . .	5 50	
J. Loring Litchfield . .	3 50	
Mary M. Pratt . . .	55 50	
Stephen Reilly . . .	177 00	
Frank W. Wheelwright .	103 09	
Elijah F. Lincoln . .	27 75	
George F. Sargent . .	67 00	
Mathew Markwick . .	15 00	
Charles Hackett . .	41 00	
Frank Mitchell . . .	2 45	
Theo	1 40	
Ira N. Pratt . . .	29 00	
Mathew A. Silvey . .	1 00	
John Roderic . . .	30 50	
Charles L. Kittrell . .	25 40	
Joseph F. Priest . .	61 74	
James Lean . . .	43 38	
Alson S. Richardson .	81 70	
Allen C. Bates . . .	13 32	
Charles E. Tyrer . .	55 25	
Gross & Nichols . .	19 17	
George M. Eunice . .	48 89	
Estate C. F. B. Tilden .	19 75	
		$9,249 26

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES, *Supt.*

REPORT

OF

THE TOWN TREASURER.

TOGETHER WITH

The Reports of the Librarian and Treasurer of the Free Public Library.

Report of the Committee on Town History, and the Report of the Auditor.

REPORT OF BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

Dr. TOWN OF COHASSET in account

1898—1899.

To paid Selectmen's orders for 1898 including State and Military aid	$44,151	21
Town's appropriation for support of schools,	13,600	00
Dog license money and Ripley interest money, for school account . . .	264	23
Assessors' orders for abatement of taxes .	1,451	23
State of Massachusetts, tax 1898 . .	3,105	00
County of Norfolk, tax 1898 . . .	4,620	54
State Treasurer, one-fourth part of sixth class liquor license		25
Cohasset Savings Bank, Osgood school house note due, 1898	3,000	00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, funded note, due 1898	3,400	00
Cohasset Savings Bank, account bridge note	1,000	00
Cohasset Savings Bank, demand note of 1897	4,000	00
Cohasset Savings Bank, demand note of 1898	2,000	00
Atlas National Bank, hired money, 1898 .	25,000	00
Interest on Town's note, 1898 . . .	3,552	37
	$109,144	83
Balance in treasury carried forward . . .	11,346	75
	$120,491	58

COHASSET, January, 1899.

With ABRAHAM H. TOWER, Treasurer. Cr.

1898—1899.

By balance in treasury from former account	$11,359 54
Corporation tax, 1897, additional	2,356 37
National Bank tax, 1897, additional	162 19
Corporation tax, 1898	15,086 65
National Bank tax, 1898	2,273 42
State and Military aid, 1898	567 50
Norfolk County dog license, 1897	223 83
City of Boston account, 1897	107 00
City of Cambridge account, 1897	255 10
Town of Hingham account, 1897	81 03
Town of Scituate account, 1897	112 55
State of Massachusetts, highway loan fund	545 53
A. S. Bigelow, contribution for repairs, road	349 26
Wm. T. Tilden, janitor, income Town Hall	274 00
Aaron Pratt, auctioneer's license	2 00
Allen C. Bates, plumber's license	2 00
Frank W. Browne, 6th class license	1 00
Thos. W. Whitcomb, slaughter license	1 00
East Norfolk District Court, fines, fees, etc.	188 84
Cohasset Water Co., and G. H. Richter, freight rebate	24 30
Joseph S. Enos, interest 1898	37 20
Interest on bank deposits 1898	103 36
Interest on delinquent taxes	204 49
Interest, Ripley fund	40 40
A. H. Tower, trustee for board J. J. Lothrop	136 04
Almshouse, work and sales, etc.	340 21
Sarah McCormack, pasture rent	30 00
Free Public Library, fuel, light, etc.	100 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, loan, 1898	12,000 00
Atlas National Bank, loan, 1898	25,000 00
Assessors' tax list, 1898	48,526 77
	$120,491 58

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The library opened every library day with the exception of sixteen, during the time the safety-vault was being built in the delivery room; one holiday, and the day of the funeral of the Rev. Joseph Osgood, D. D., who was more instrumental than any one in founding the library, and who had served as President from the opening of the library till his death, which occurred last August, and whose interest and good judgment have made the library what it is.

The number of books and magazines issued was 8,487, the largest delivery being on February 19, of 126, and the smallest on August 23, of 19.

Number of books added the past year: by donation, 56; by purchase, 129; by binding magazines, 47. Entire number in the library, including government reports and pamphlets, 6,249.

Gifts of books and pamphlets have been received from Mrs. Robert Williams, Mr. A. Williams, Mr. S. T. Snow, Mr. W. L. Tower and officers of state and government.

For the reading-room, weeklies have been received from the Cohasset W. C. T. U., The Woman's Journal, Boston, and the L. A. W. Bulletin.

Classification of reading the past year:—

History and Biography	367
Travels and Geography	179
Fiction	6,511
Literature and Poetry	94
Science and Art	55
Agriculture and Natural History	39
Religion	19
Magazines	1,223
	8,487

SARAH B. COLLIER, *Librarian.*

Dr. COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY in account with A. H. TOWER, Treasurer. Cr.

1898—1899.		1898—1899.	
To paid Insurance premium on $3500 for 3 years	$70 00	By balance from former account	$11 71
Printing catalogues	28 72	Reserved from 1897 account	40 00
New books, magazines, etc.	232 65	Town's appropriation, 1898	850 00
Sundry incidental bills	26 42	Ladies' Charitable Society, rent	10 00
Cohasset Electric Co., lights	81 35	"Marion Cheever" fund	30 00
Selectmen, for fuel, janitor, etc.	100 00	Receipts by librarian	20 99
Expenditures by librarian	9 58		
Scientific books by Marion Cheever, legacy	20 85		
Sarah B. Collier, librarian	350 00		
Balance to new account	43 13		
	$962 70		$962 70

JANUARY, 1899. A. H. TOWER, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Selectmen:—

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Engineers appointed by you for the year ending April 30, 1899, met at the house of Engine Company No. 1, at 8 o'clock on the evening of May 3d, 1898, and organized with the choice of officers as follows:

Chief Engineer, Harry E. Mapes; First Assistant Chief Engineer, Henry E. Brennock; Second Assistant Chief Engineer, Alson S. Richardson; Clerk, George Jason.

During the past year several changes have been made in the department which has benefited and improved the service. The hand engine has been removed from the house at the junction of Elm and South Main streets and stored in the stable of the estate of C. F. B. Tilden, in a position where it can be taken out for service as quickly as from its old quarters, which has enabled us to put in its place two hose reels, carrying 650 and 500 feet of hose respectively, which are kept loaded and ready for use at all times. By making this change we now have more room in the house and also a spare reel ready for instant use in case of emergency or accident.

We have also placed a reel carrying 500 feet of hose in the house of Hose Company No. 1, at the Harbor, which serves a like purpose there.

By virtue of the authority given us at the annual town meeting in March last, we have caused a tower to be built on the house of Ladder Company No. 2, on Doane street, and placed a bell thereon, at a cost of $252.80, as shown in the accompanying financial statement.

The closing of the stable on Elm street, formerly operated by the late A. E. Tilden, made it necessary to go a long distance to procure horses for the Zaccheus Rich Hose No. 1, which seriously delayed the department, and it was thought desirable to establish some method of quick communication between the stables and the fire stations, and, with your approval, an electric alarm was installed which is operated by push buttons placed in the fire stations, and rings a small alarm bell in each of the stables furnishing horses for the apparatus in the centre of the town, also in the residence of each driver and the Chief and First Assistant Engineers.

This alarm system has been in operation nearly a year and has proved of great assistance in enabling the department to respond promptly, which is of vital importance in extinguishing fires, and the expense of maintaining the system is a mere trifle as compared with its practical value.

The severe storm of November 27th, 1898, seriously damaged the buildings of Hose No. 1 and Ladder No. 1, and it will be necessary to make repairs at an early date, at an estimated expense of $100.

The Zaccheus Rich Hose Wagon No. 1, and J. Q. A. Lothrop Ladder Truck No. 1, should be varnished at once for their protection and preservation, which will cost $50.00.

The roof of Engine House No. 1 leaks badly, and has damaged the walls and ceilings, and should be repaired as early as possible, which will cost $150.

The hose now in use in the department has been in service a number of years, and is beginning to show signs of wear, several lengths having burst and been rendered useless at

recent fires, and we recommend that 1000 feet of hose be purchased for the use of this department.

For the maintenance and operation of this department for the ensuing year we respectfully recommend and ask that the sum of $1700 be raised and appropriated by the town at its annual meeting in March next, to be expended as follows:

Repairs to buildings of Hose 1 and Ladder 1 .	$100 00
Repairs to building of Engine 1 . . .	150 00
Varnishing hose wagon and ladder truck .	50 00
Purchase of 1000 feet of hose . . .	400 00
General operating expenses	1,000 00
Total	$1,700 00

H. E. MAPES,
H. E. BRENNOCK,
A. B. LITCHFIELD,
GEO. JASON,
ALSON S. RICHARDSON,
Board of Engineers.

RECORD OF FIRES.

January 31. Alarm at 7 o'clock, P.M., for fire in the building on Elm street, owned by John Sloane and occupied by Herbert Pope as a boot and shoe store. Damage to building and contents, $275.00.

February 28. Alarm at 9.10 o'clock, P.M., for fire in a small building near the junction of Sohier street and N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R. Co.'s tracks. Needless alarm: no damage.

March 5. False alarm.

March 16. Alarm as 6.40 o'clock, P.M., for fire in buildings on Border street, owned and used by Tower Bros. & Co. Damage to buildings and contents, $500.00.

March 24. Needless alarm. Fire outside of town limits.

April 30. Alarm at 10.35 o'clock, P.M., for fire in the stable on Sohier street, owned by Sohier heirs. Damage to building, $750.00.

May 15. Alarm at 3 o'clock, A.M., for fire on yacht "Gracie," lying in the harbor, owned by Charles S. Bates. Damage, $250.00.

July 7. Alarm at 3 o'clock, P. M., for fire in pasture on Beechwood street, owned by H. A. Wheelwright. Needless alarm; no damage.

October 31. Alarm at 5.40 o'clock, A.M., for fire in the residence of M. S. Crehore, on Border street. Damage, $1,000.00.

December 2. Alarm at 7.10 o'clock, P.M., for fire in stable on Border street, owned by Dr. John Bryant. Total loss, value $6,000.00.

December 16. Alarm at 3 o'clock, P.M., for fire in the house on Pleasant street, owned by Loring Bates and occupied by Stephen Wigmore. Damage, $10.00.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

Engine No. 1.

Paid A. H. Tower, Treasurer, eleven poll taxes . .	$22 00
Fred C. Blossom, glass and glazing . . .	1 15
Gross & Nichols, supplies	4 10
Estate of C. F. B. Tilden horses to fires, cartage, etc.	69 96
Hutchings & Pink, 1 spanner belt . . .	1 50

Paid Allen C. Bates, supplies .	$32 44	
Lincoln Bros., coal and wood	31 35	
G. W. Souther, Clerk, services of company at fires	10 00	
H. R. Nickerson, services of company at fires . .	20 00	
F. C. Blossom, Steward, services for 12 months to Jan. 1, 1899 . .	30 00	
Geo. Jason, horses to fire	3 00	
C. F. Tilden, repairs to reel	1 75	
C. Callahan Co., 1 Siamese connection . . .	8 00	
Total		$235 25

Hose No. 1.

Paid A. H. Tower, Treasurer, eleven poll taxes . .	$22 00	
A. J. Morris, Steward, services for 1 year to May 1, 1898	40 00	
Estate of A. E. Tilden, horses to fires . .	20 75	
C. F. Tilden, repairs and new pole for truck .	17 05	
S. D. Tower, painting pole	2 50	
Estate of C. F. B. Tilden, horses to fires and miscellaneous cartage . .	57 50	
A. B. Stoddard, metal polish and sheet brass .	1 96	
Allen C. Bates, supplies .	13 27	
C. Callahan Co., supplies	13 00	

Paid T. A. Rich, Clerk, services of company at fires .	$30 00	
J. E. Brennock, labor on flag pole . . .	3 00	
Joseph Jason, horses to fire	4 00	
Gross & Nichols, supplies	60	
D. W. Pratt, glass and glazing . . .	60	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal, wood and supplies .	36 08	
Total		$262 31

LADDER NO. 1.

Paid A. H. Tower, Treasurer, twelve poll taxes . .	$24 00	
Joseph Jason, horses to fires	49 00	
J. E. Grassie, Steward, service to May 1, 1898	33 33	
C. F. Tilden, repairs .	16 05	
S. D. Tower, painting .	2 00	
Gross & Nichols, supplies	20 39	
D. W. Pratt, glass and glazing . . .	84	
Hutchings & Pink, ladder straps, snaps, etc. .	10 30	
C. Callahan Co., supplies .	3 60	
Allen C. Bates, supplies .	3 45	
Estate of C. F. B. Tilden, supplies, and horses to fires	7 55	
J. J. Grassie, Clerk, services of company at fires	30 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal and wood	6 63	

Paid J. E. Brennock, labor on flag pole . . .	$3 00	
H. E. Brennock, repairs to ladders . . .	25	
Total		$210 39

LADDER NO. 2.

Paid A. H. Tower, Treasurer, ten poll taxes . .	$20 00	
C. F. Tilden, repairs .	2 50	
H. L. Brown, supplies .	7 25	
A. C. Bates supplies . .	1 35	
S. C. Pratt, Steward, services to May 1, 1898 .	11 47	
L. A. Litchfield, Steward, services to January 1, 1899	20 00	
A. B. Litchfield, sundry repairs	10 15	
Tower Bros. & Co., supplies	15 46	
Estate of C. F. B. Tilden, cartage	2 50	
S. Stoddard, Clerk, services of company at fire .	5 00	
John W. Bates, horses to fire	5 00	
Total		$100 68

HOSE NO. 2.

Paid J. S. Beal, services as Steward, and storage of reel, January 1, 1894 to January 1, 1898 . . .	$70 00	

Paid A. H. Tower, Treasurer, two poll taxes . .	$4 00	
Total		$74 00

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT.

Paid A. H. Tower, Treasurer, five poll taxes . .	$10 00	
Estate of C. F. B. Tilden, teams	7 50	
Total		$17 50

ELECTRIC ALARM.

Paid A. C. Abbott, putting in system, as per contract .	$130 00	
F. W. Brown, chemicals .	7 84	
H. E. Mapes, Chief, switches, batteries and chemicals	12 21	
Total		$150 05

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Est. of A. E. Tilden, carting, hose, etc.	$6 50
W. E. Crocker, clerk, postage and stationery	3 65
R. M. Souther, printing . . .	6 25
H. W. Souther, " . . .	1 00
C. Callahan Co., supplies . . .	3 50
Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies . .	1 60
Est. of C. F. B. Tilden, supplies . .	4 50
H. E. Mapes, Chief, express paid . .	2 54
C. F. Tilden, iron work . . .	1 55
D. P. Sylvester, supplies . . .	10 03
A. O. Higgins, reparing boat . .	4 86
W. J. Brennock, watching fires . .	9 00
J. J. Grassie, " . .	2 00

Paid F. C. Blossom,	watching fires . .	$9 00
T. A. Tower,	" . .	2 00
Geo. E. Antoine,	" . .	3 00
A. B. Litchfield,	" . .	4 00
Joseph Antoine,	" . .	3 00
John Flemming,	" . .	3 00
Thomas Mannix,	" . .	3 00
Total		$83 98

RECAPITULATION.

Engine No. 1	$235 25
Hose No. 1	262 31
Ladder No. 1	210 39
Ladder No. 2	100 68
Hose No. 2	74 00
Engineers department	17 50
Electric alarm	150 05
Miscellaneous	83 98
Total	$1,134 16
Amount of appropriation	1,000 00
Expended more than appropriation . .	$134 16
Special appropriation for bell and tower on house of Ladder No. 2 . . .	$250 00
Paid J. J. Pratt, building tower as per contract,	150 00
C. Callahan Co., bell and mountings complete as per contract	102 80
Total	$252 80
Expended more than appropriation . .	$2 80
Total expenditures for 1898 . . .	$1,386 96

H. E. MAPES,
Chief.

Attest: GEO. JASON, *Clerk.*
Feb. 1, 1899.

REPORT OF

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FOR THE YEAR 1898.

The School Committee herewith respectfully submit their annual report to the citizens of the town, accompanied by the report of the Superintendent of Schools, which includes the report of the special teachers of singing and drawing.

There have been important changes in the teaching force of the Cohasset schools since our last report.

Mr. E. L. Curtiss, who has filled the position of Superintendent of Schools for the past five years, resigned his position during the summer to take up the practice of law. The Committee accepted his resignation with regret, for his work has been in the direction of improving the schools of Cohasset during his incumbency of the position of Superintendent.

The three Committees of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset elected to fill the vacancy, Mr. Nelson G. Howard, of Northboro, a graduate of Bates College, and a teacher and superintendent of experience.

Miss M. A. Stephens resigned her position in the Beechwood school at the end of June, and the Committee have appointed Miss Emma V. Ingerson, of Woburn, in her place. Mr. Ernest W. Robinson, who has had charge of the seventh grade in the Osgood School for a year and a half, resigned his position to accept that of principal of the High School in Wilton, N. H. The Committee appointed in his place Mr. Arthur N. Small, of North Truro, a graduate of the Boston University. At the end of the Fall term, Miss

Annie N. Keene, who has occupied the position of assistant in the High School since the opening of the Osgood School, in 1891, resigned her position in order to prepare herself to become a special teacher in drawing. The Committee have advanced Mr. Small from the seventh grade to this position, and appointed in his place Miss Lila Buck, who has had charge of a three room school in Northboro for the past two years.

In our report for 1895, we called your attention to the very small number of children in the Jerusalem district. At the end of the school year last June, when it became evident that there would be only four Cohasset scholars to enter the school in September, the Committee voted to close the school, at least temporarily.

No extraordinary repairs will be called for on the school houses the coming year.

The Committee ask that there be appropriated for the support of schools for 1899, for:

Teachers', Superintendents' and Janitors' salaries	$9,200
Conveying	2,100
Supplies	600
Fuel	600
Repairs and incidentals	500
Total	$13,000

E. P. COLLIER,
Chairman.
CALEB LOTHROP,
Secretary.
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW.
AMOS A. LAWRENCE,
LOUIS T. CUSHING,
H. E. MAPES.

TOWN OF COHASSET in account with THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Debit.

1898. Paid		
Superintendent of Schools,		
Elmer L. Curtiss . .	$420 00	
Nelson G. Howard . .	240 00	
		$660 00
TEACHERS.		
Osgood School:		
High, Mr. C. F. Jacobs, Principal . . .	$1,700 00	
High, Miss Grace Clark, Assistant . . .	504 00	
High, Miss Annie Keene, Assistant . .	450 00	
High, Miss Edith F. Grout, Assistant . . .	30 00	
High, Miss Mary E. Barnes, Assistant . . .	62 50	
High, Mr. Arthur N. Small, Assistant . . .	50 00	
8th grade, Miss Martha P. Bates	500 00	
7th grade, Mr. E. W. Robbinson	300 00	
7th grade, Mr. Arthur N. Small	150 00	
7th grade, Miss Lila O. Buck	40 00	
6th grade, Miss Annie D. Dunham . . .	400 00	

Osgood School:		
5th grade, Miss Annie A. Souther . . .	$400 00	
3rd and 4th grades, Miss Mary E. Clapp . .	396 00	
3rd and 4th grades, Miss H. A. S. Pike . .	10 00	
2d grade, Miss Priscilla L. Collier	400 00	
1st grade, Miss Sarah E. Fox	400 00	
General assistant, Miss Myra L. Beal . .	380 00	
North School.		
Miss Susannah L. Stoddard	390 00	
Miss Emma Nichols . .	2 00	
Mrs. Elmer L. Curtiss .	14 00	
Beechwood School:		
Miss M. Agnes Stephens .	$240 00	
Miss Emma V. Ingerson .	160 00	
Jerusalem School:		
Miss Annie Fox . .	240 00	
King Street School:		
Miss Mary E. Towne .	200 00	
Miss Alice F. Clapp . .	40 00	
Miss Annie Fox . .	160 00	
Special Teachers:		
Miss Elizabeth C. Bates, Music	300 00	
Miss Sara T. Bailey, Drawing	300 00	
		$8,218 50

Janitors.

Osgood School, Mr. Lot W. Bates	$600 00	
North School, Mr. Thomas A. Roche	24 00	
Mr. Thomas Keefe . .	16 00	
Beechwood School, Mr. A. Bradford Litchfield . .	40 00	
Jerusalem School, Miss Annie Fox	18 00	
King Street School, Mrs. Hannah L. James . .	30 00	
		$728 00

Cleaning.

North School, Mrs. Mary Reilly	$9 00	
Beechwood School, A. B. Litchfield	8 00	
J. W. Bates, vault . .	3 00	
Jerusalem School, Richard Priest	1 00	
King Street School, Mrs. Hannah L. James . .	6 00	
		$27 00

Conveying Pupils.

North Cohasset district and Jerusalem road district, Franklin Beal	$400 00	
Beechwood district, Samuel E. Pratt	977 31	
South district, C. F. B. Tilden,	114 00	
South district, C. F. B. Tilden, estate of	238 00	
North district and King street district, C. F. B. Tilden .	200 00	
		$1,929 31

Repairs and Supplies.

Osgood School:		
I. C. Vinal, painting, labor and stock . . .	$5 00	
I. C. Vinal and others, scraping and waxing floors .	94 88	
W. E. Crocker, carpentering,	19 35	
S. H. Stoughton, mason work	4 80	
The Fuller & Warren Co., repairing closets . .	149 44	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, varnish, etc. . . .	54 77	
Allen C. Bates, funnel, door checks and supplies .	64 71	
Gross & Nichols, shellac and supplies . .	36 59	
Chas. F. Tilden, door plates, repairing wheelbarrow .	3 00	
C. F. B. Tilden, moving platform . . .	1 50	
Cohasset electric lights .	28 91	
The Building Care Co., sulpher napthal . . .	1 50	
Weeks & Potter Co., sulpher napthal . . .	5 00	
D. W. Pratt, paint brushes,	1 50	
Frank W. Browne, for laboratory, etc. . . .	6 18	
E. W. Bates, changing electric light fixtures . .	16 43	
		$493 56
North School:		
John Roche, carpentering .	7 35	
Allen C. Bates, repairing stove, supplies, etc .	15 28	

North School:		
James W. Holland, repairing chimney . . .	$16 25	
Albert J. Morris, cutting grass, etc. . . .	2 00	
Z. C. Small, repairing sash, etc.	50	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, etc. . . .	3 09	
Thomas Keefe, repairing flag	50	
		$44 97
Beechwood School:		
A. Bradford Litchfield, varnishing floors, repairing fence, etc. . . .	$6 75	
Allen C. Bates, mat and coal hod . . .	2 20	
Tower Bros. & Co., paint, etc., in 1897 . . .	7 48	
		$16 43
Jerusalem School:		
Allen C. Bates, door mats and poker . . .	$4 42	
C. E. West, supplies .	48	
		$4 90
King Street School:		
Allen C. Bates, funnel, floor brush, etc.		11 85
		$573 71
FUEL.		
Osgood School, Lincoln Brothers	$525 84	
North School, Lincoln Brothers	33 55	
Beechwood School, Lincoln Brothers	33 61	
King Street School, Lincoln Brothers	16 00	
		$609 00

Miscellaneous.

Joseph J. Bates, expressing .	$27 44	
Lot W. Bates, truant officer .	15 00	
Cotton & Gould, printing postal, etc.	5 25	
C. F. B. Tilden, freight and carting	2 08	
Joseph J. Bates, use of hall in 1897, balance . . .	1 50	
A. B. Litchfield, truant officer .	10 00	
C. F. Jacobs, sundry supplies .	4 52	
Est. C. F. B. Tilden, freight and carting	6 39	
Mary R. Cushing, bouquets .	9 00	
H, W. Kibbe, filling diplomas .	8 00	
C. H. McKenney & Co., electric bulbs	7 00	
Nathan Sawyer & Son, printing tickets and programmes .	8 00	
W. W. Wade, tuning piano .	5 00	
Charles C. Hutchinson, tripod and level	6 00	
Jordan, Marsh & Co., pictures, balance	2 00	
W. T. Tilden, use of piano .	3 00	
Miss A. N. Keene, plaster cases .	3 00	
Est. F. H. Nichols, ribbons, etc.	8 06	
D. P. Sylvester, supplies . .	1 15	
C. Lothrop, stationery, postage, etc.	1 87	
C. Lothrop, secretary and treasurer	75 00	
		$209 26

Books and School Supplies.

Paid Mrs. K. H. Westgate .	5 00	
Edw. E. Babb & Co., .	98 78	
J. L. Hammett Company .	61 13	
Samuel Ward Company .	34 82	
The Current Literature Pub. Co. . . .	3 00	
The American Book Company	162 91	
Ginn & Company . .	80 88	
University Publishing Company	9 60	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co. .	5 10	
Silver Burdett & Co. .	7 20	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	69	
Willard Small . . .	1 23	
D. C. Heath & Co. . .	4 67	
Greenough, Adams & Cushing	43 72	
Miss Elizabeth C. Bates .	11 04	
Boston Bank Note Company	20 40	
Leach, Shewell & Company	3 50	
Thompson, Brown & Co. .	8 40	
Wm. H. Claflin & Co. .	3 76	
A. D. Maclachlan . .	2 80	
Scott, Foresman & Company	16 67	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.	1 90	
Fred H. Miller . .	8 50	
Weeks & Potter Company	2 00	
		597 70

Recapitulation

Debit.

Superintendent of Schools	$660 00	
Teachers	7,618 50	
Special teacher of music	300 00	
Special teacher of drawing	300 00	
Janitors	728 00	
Cleaning	27 00	
Conveying pupils	1,929 31	
Repairs and supplies	571 71	
Fuel	609 00	
Miscellaneous	209 26	
Books and school supplies	597 70	
		$13,550 48
Balance unxpended		494 62
		$14,045 10

Credit.

Balance from last year	66 87	
Amount of school appropriation	13,600 00	
Amount of Dog licenses	223 83	
Interest from Ripley school fund	40 40	
Town of Hingham for schooling children	99 00	
Supplies sold	15 00	
		$14,045 10

C. LOTHROP,

Treasurer of the Cohasset School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Gentlemen of the Committee:

I have the honor to submit to you my first annual report of the schools of Cohasset.

The short time that I have had charge of the direction of your schools makes it necessary for me to present to you a report that may appear more like a statement of work outlined for future accomplishment than a record of work already done. In every undertaking it is wise to have a carefully prepared plan. In order to form a plan for properly directing school work it is necessary to have an accurate knowledge of the means and forces to be employed and the resistances to be overcome.

During the last four months I have made a careful study of the work of each school room in order to estimate the effectiveness of the teaching. It is evident that much of the teaching is good, that progress is being made and that the pupils are showing an active interest in their work. Believing that it is best to proceed from the known to the unknown, from the developed to the undeveloped, I have endeavored to practice a conservatism consistent with modern advancement. Changes have been made only when changes have been necessary. Nothing has been torn down until something better could take its place. A strong

effort has been made to secure more individual teaching. The interests of the child must be considered first, for it is for him that the school is maintained.

The best school that we can provide is none too good for our children. The schools that our fathers attended should not be taken as models for schools for our children to attend. The progress of the last half century has made new schools imperative. No business man of to-day would attempt to carry on any enterprise in the way that his grandfather did.

The flint lock was a good weapon in its day and our independence was won by its use, nevertheless we supply modern rifles to the patriots of 1898. The old district school was the pride of our fathers and its pupils have made for themselves enviable records, yet few men to-day wish to place their children in schools of the old type. The school must give to the children a training that will fit them for living in the next generation. Progress in education must keep pace with progress in the arts.

Cohasset is fortunate in having a first-class modern school building in which the greater part of our pupils are taught. In the Osgood School it is possible to give considerable attention to each individual pupil, and the results of the teaching show the advantages of the closely graded school. In order that our children may be prepared to meet the demands of the age in which they are to live we must insist upon more practical child study, more cultured teachers in the lower grades, more accurate grading, and a more thorough recognition of the fact that all men are not created equal. One great evil of our school system lies in the lack of individual teaching.

A GREAT HINDRANCE TO SCHOOL WORK.

The thoughtful attention of all parents should be given to an evil in Cohasset that seriously affects the work of our

school children and does much to neutralize the moral influence of the schools. This evil is the prevalence of school children upon the streets at night, and their participation in the amusements of adults. A number of our boys and girls may be seen almost any night loitering upon the streets or wandering about the town. Do parents know where these children are? Do they realize to what vicious influences they are exposed? The best place for school children is at home at night. Sufficient sleep is of vital importance in the development of a child. In nearly every school room there are pupils who come daily to school in such mental and physical condition that they are unable to receive instruction because of insufficient sleep and the undue excitement of hours spent on the street late at night. Every parent is interested in the welfare of his children, yet many of us are forgetful of our duties in exercising home government. I trust we may bring the home and school into closer union, and thereby do away with idling about streets.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE.

There must be orderliness and discipline in every school, but there should be no place for that disagreeable show of authority that places a barrier between teacher and pupils. The mind of a normal child may be interested and placed in a receptive mood by the skilled teacher, but there are cases that are not reached by ordinary means, and these require particular treatment.

The co-operation of parents in the matter of discipline is an imperative need. Our interests are almost identical and we must act together. It is time for all distrust and opposition to vanish, for it is the welfare of the children that prompts our actions in the matter of school discipline. I am pleased to report that our schools are now in a good state of discipline.

INSTRUCTION.

The ideal teacher may not live in this age, but we are gradually approaching an era of better teaching. Higher standards have been set already along the entire line of educational work. Teaching has come to mean much more than instruction — it means instruction with the addition of that helpful guidance and kind assurances of success that broaden the views and aspirations of the pupil and cause him to look forward with hopeful courage. The real teacher establishes a strong confidence between herself and her pupils. Her pupils have faith in her and she has faith in her pupils. In every child there is some good that is sure to assert itself, if natural qualities are not perverted by poor teaching. "Good teachers believe in the goodness of those whom they instruct." Education is a process of emancipation of freeing the child from the dominance of the body, and it is the duty of all who teach to become masters of every means for assisting pupils in raising themselves to higher planes of living.

In conference with the teachers I found that all desired to do some regular professional study and we have outlined a plan for the year's work. We have begun to make a critical study of early English history with reference to the origin and development of the race and language. The chief object of our work is to gain a better knowledge of English people and English words.

The teachers show a deep interest in all educational matters and good instruction is sure to follow.

LANGUAGE.

The one thing more necessary than any other in the early education of a child is ability to acquire language.

When he enters school he has a vocabulary of common words more or less extended according to his temperament and surroundings. What language he has is not first

knowledge nor has it been discovered or developed: it has been given him as he needed it to express newly acquired knowledge. There is a naturalness about his childish conversation that should be allowed to continue unhampered.

It requires a thoroughly trained teacher to recognize the varying needs of individual pupils in gaining language. Words given to a child when he has a need of them to express the thoughts that he has learned by experience are full of interest and meaning and it requires no repetition to fix them firmly in his mind. In the lower grades we can best teach language by use of the knowledge gained by experience. There is no prescribed list of words that any class of pupils at any particular age should be expected to know. It is more important that the language teacher should create an interest that will insure the gaining of knowledge than that she should supply words to pupils who have no knowledge for the words to carry. Words are only valuable for their power to carry thought.

Much of our language work is excellent—the poorest is as good as the average work in many towns.

Geography.

Our work in geography is good in certain grades and poor in others. Great advances have been made in the last few years in methods of teaching and today the skilled teacher can save the child a great amount of time and energy by properly directing his efforts. In no department can a teacher be of more service than in that of geography, where the child's own experience must be supplemented to a large degree. In the lower grades the pupil should be given a chance to gain for himself knowledge by observation. The experience that the child gains for himself is far more valuable than what is given him second hand. He does not know a river until he has seen a river. Description and illustration are valuable aids to the teacher in developing the

experience of a child, but the first knowledge of geography must be gained by observation in the field. The majority of our pupils have done considerable observing before they are of school age, but it requires the careful direction of a teacher to make use of the knowledge acquired. Home geography is made the basis of the earliest teaching.

A knowledge of the geography of Cohasset should be secured at the start. Let the teaching begin with the type forms—the brook, the pond, the hill, the valley and there will be no difficulty in teaching structural geography. Create an interest in people and events and the question of political geography is solved. Mathematical geography demands maturity of mind and should be pursued only in the higher grades.

HISTORY.

Our history work will compare very favorably with that done in much larger towns. Every child of average ability is interested in persons and events properly related. He traces the course of an action from cause to result with surprising accuracy. In the lower grades he is able to make comparisons and note differences. Story is his delight. What men have done he hopes to do. His mind is rendered receptive by associating story with facts. Local history is made the basis of study for the first few years. That which is near appeals most strongly to the younger pupils. Every New England town is rich in history that may be made of great interest to our pupils. The recent events at Manilla and Santiago may be used to illustrate very favorably how history is made. Every child is a hero-worshiper and the world's great men are his idols. To him the victorious admiral is the embodiment of all that is great and good.

He never looks for the dark motives that grown people too often attribute to those who succeed. The trusting element in a child's mind should never be shaken. We

should encourage his faith in people and in government. Good history teaching does much to foster loyalty and good citizenship.

ARITHMETIC.

In American schools, arithmetic is considered a subject of great importance, and receives a large share in the allotment of time. For eight on nine years we are employed in teaching to a pupil arithmetic for four or five periods a week, and then we find that he does not comprehend numbers. Is not something wrong with our system? No doubt much of the fault lies with our teaching. A knowledge of the manipulation of numbers does not indicate the ability to teach mathematics. The teacher who appreciates the relation of numbers to the affairs of life is able to make rational application of them, and is sure to succeed in teaching numbers. Our text-books in arithmetic contain problems, the solution of which is supposed to illustrate principles and processes; but they fail to accomplish the purpose because of the absurd, irrational statements, and the ambiguous, faulty English employed. Very little can be done in mathematics if we become the slaves of text-books. Problems must suit the pupils. We can save several years of valuable time for each child by burning our puzzle-books and employing rational language in arithmetic.

We shall try to present this subject in its best form during the coming year.

TALKING.

Foreigners are constantly reminding us that our voices are harsh and high-pitched, lacking much of that melodious quality that is the charm of the human voice. They say that we are a nervous, excitable people, who kill ourselves in the mad race for wealth, and that unstrung nerves serve to produce discordant voices. This charge we are loath to admit, yet there is a foundation for the criticism; and I

believe that it is time for us to insist that our school children shall receive special training in the art of using their voices properly in ordinary conversation. When the child enters school he imitates very readily the tones and accents of his playmates, and often assumes their peculiarities of speech. He listens to the voice of his teacher, and endeavors to speak as she speaks. Fortunate is the pupil whose teacher knows how to talk.

The first two years at school are distinctly formative years, and it is highly important that we then teach them correctly the elements of talking. Teachers often ask pupils to "speak louder," when loudness is the great fault to be corrected. Oftentimes a noisy teacher does great harm to her pupils by talking a great deal in a sharp, shrill voice. Economy of energy and of public resources demands that the teacher of the present generation shall employ a well-trained speaking voice. An effort is being make to do some effective work in voice-training in our High School, but this is not enough. We must have true elocution taught in every grade. Much prejudice has arisen among teachers against elocution in lower grades from the fact that they generally associate it with that affected, tragic manner of speaking that is often assumed by people who, without training, pose as elocutionists. For the purposes of pedagogy it may be well for us to speak of instructing our pupils in the art of talking.

VERTICAL WRITING.

Legible handwriting is one of the prime essentials to a pupil's early advancement. It lies at the foundation of all graphic representation and it is highly important that we teach writing in a correct and scientific manner

The slant hand that has been used almost exclusivly in schools for the past generation has not proven a good hand

to teach to children. It has produced a cramped illegible handwriting; the difference between the written and the printed character was so great that it was necessary to teach script and print at different periods thereby causing a needless waste of time. The many unnecessary lines confused the pupil and hindered his advancement. A few years ago teachers began to realize that children naturally write vertically, that business men who do a great deal of writing seldom employ the slant handwriting and that vertical writing can be taught more easily to all classes of pupils. The points in favor of vertical writing are many. It admits of an upright position of the pupil at his desk; it allows the hand and arm to assume a natural position; and it relieves the eyes of much unnecessary strain. The penmanship of children is much different in form and execution from that of the business man. The child writes under a certain restraint. The best system for school use is the one that is the most natural, easiest to learn and most legible, and the vertical writing meets these conditions. We now have in use the natural system of vertical writing.

At the Osgood School we have arranged to have the teacher of the seventh grade do special work in writing in all grades above the fourth including the High School. In the lower grades of all the schools the regular teachers direct the work. Much improvement has been made in the short time that the system has been in use.

The present condition of our schools warrants the belief that our pupils are advancing steadily and surely. With the constant support of your committee and of the people of Cohasset I am confident that we shall be able to increase the usefulness of our work.

I wish to express my appreciation of the zeal and earnestness of the teachers and of the readiness to put into operation

such plans as I have been able to suggest. I am appreciative, too, of the confidence and courtesy shown me by your committee.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON G. HOWARD,

Superintendent of Schools.

Cohasset, Dec. 24, 1898.

SCHOOLS, TEACHERS AND STATISTICS.

Whole number of children in Town May 1, 1898, between 5 and 15 years of age	387
Whole number of children in Town May 1, 1898, between 8 and 14 years of age	226
Whole number of children in school between 5 and 15 years of age	438
Whole number of children in school between 8 and 14 years of age	249
Number of children in school over 15 years of age	47
Number of children in school under 5 years of age	0
Total number of children in school during the year	486
Average membership of schools	436
Average attendance of schools	398.9
Per cent. of attendance	91½
Number of tardy marks for the year	794

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Salary.	Total Membership.	Average membership	Average attendance.	Per cent of attendance.	Tardy marks.
Osgood High,	C. F. Jacobs . .	$1,700	72	64.7	59.8	92	158
	Arthur Small . . .	500					
	Grace Clark	600					
Grade VIII .	Martha P. Bates . .	500	36	34.	31.1	91	56
VII . .	Lila O. Buck . . .	400	55	46.5	43.4	93	137
VI . .	Annie D. Dunham .	400	45	39.3	35.9	91	97
V . .	Annie A. Souther . .	400	50	43.9	40.8	93	54
IV, III .	Mary E. Clapp . . .	400	51	48.6	45.5	93	93
II . .	Priscilla L. Collier .	400	36	31.5	29.9	95	52
I . . .	Sarah E. Fox . . .	400	44	39.9	34.4	86	53
Matron . . .	Myra L. Beal . . .	380					
Beechwood .	Emma V. Ingerson .	400	32	29.2	25.8	85	35
King street .	Annie Fox	400	14	12.2	11.1	90	28
North . . .	Susannah L. Stoddard	400	30	26.9	25.1	93	22
Drawing . .	Sara T. Bailey . . .	300					
Music . . .	Elizabeth C. Bates .	300					

REPORT OF THE TEACHER OF MUSIC.

To the Superintendent of Schools :—

Two years ago last September, the "Natural Course in Music" was introduced into our schools and has since been steadily growing in favor. The course presents many noteworthy features; for instance, in the perfectly systematic arrangement of lessons, in the presentation of new difficulties in such a simple manner that even the youngest cannot fail to understand, and in the minor studies, which occur as frequently as the major.

This year we are studying the transposition of the scales, major and minor, in the higher grades, and giving simple dictation exercises in the lower classes, in addition to the general sight reading and vocal culture. We are doing our

best to put a little expression into the singing, for really, music is not music, if the heart be not in it.

I think there has been a steady gain in the *quality* of tone, and by introducing some vocal exercises used by certain teachers at the New England Conservatory, the tendency to fall below pitch, noticeable in one or two of the classes last year, has, in a measure, been overcome.

In the High school, we are using the "Advanced Reader", the seventh book of the course, and have found it especially useful as it meets the need of those whose bass voices have begun to develop.

The tenor part, as a rule, is written below the alto, so that it can be taken by low contraltos. I feel much pleased with the improvement made by this class, and particularly with the willing spirit manifested by each pupil in the effort to do his or her best.

The boys, who, as a rule, dislike the sound of their own voices, are doing nobly, and I think we all look forward to the singing period as one of the pleasantest of the day.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. BATES.

REPORT OF THE TEACHER OF DRAWING.

To the Superintendent of Schools:—

The exhibit in the Osgood School last June showed to the people of Cohasset the work of the pupils in drawing during the school year. To the casual observer the amount of work which it represented was not apparent; only those familiar with the every day life of the schoolroom realized the constant drill necessary for the bringing about of those results.

While it is desirable that the children be keenly alive to the beautiful and the artistic it is also desirable that they be able to draw with ease and accuracy common objects of life, so this fall more time has been given to model drawing because that is the most simple, direct way of insuring a knowledge of perspective.

Water color has been used to some extent in connection with nature work.

For objects in still life colored blackboard crayons have been employed. This work has been very successful especially among the little children for they represent form much more accurately with color than by means of lead pencil outline.

Original sketches have been made of subjects appropriate to the seasons and illustrative of some interesting lesson.

The mechanical drawing and work in historic ornament in the High School last winter will compare quite favorably with the work of any country high school in the state for which much credit is due to the untiring zeal and ability of Miss Keene.

Within the last month drawing has been made elective in the High School. When a pupil has finished the work of the grammar grades he has found out for himself whether the time which he devotes to drawing may or may not be spent more profitably in another line of study.

A very fair proportion of the number of pupils in the High school are in the drawing classes and the beneficial results of the change are already apparent. All the pupils are in sympathy with the work and with the teacher ; hence good results must follow.

The study of the lives and writings of the poets finds a place in every school course ; so in every course in drawing a place should be given to the study of the old masters in painting.

The life of Rosa Bonheur was studied in connection with

the "Horse Fair" in the sixth grade last year, and the same plan is to be carried out more extensively this winter.

An exhibit of the school work was sent to the Hingham Fair in October for which a small gratuity was received.

With the money awarded at the Hingham Fair in recognition of the exhibit of three years ago, a beautiful copy of the Sistine Madonna was purchased and hung in the lower hall of the Osgood school building.

The subject of school-room decoration is a very important one. A glimpse through the school rooms of Cohasset reveals a beginning in the right direction but each year should show an increase in the number of these sweet, silent visitors.

It is a pleasure to work in a town where the suggestions of the surpervisor are received so kindly and where the schools are so liberally supplied with materials for work.

The co-operation of the teachers has been of great assistance and I wish to thank the teachers most heartily for the cordial support they have given the past year.

SARA TILDEN BAILEY.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the several accounts of Selectmen, Treasurer, Superintendent of Streets, School Committee, and Fire Engineers for 1898, and find as follows :—

Balance in treasury from 1897 .	$11,359 54	
Sundry receipts per Treasurer's account, ...	23,605 27	
Hired money in 1898 . .	37,000 00	
Tax list for 1898 . . .	48,526 77	
		$120,491 58
Amount of Selectmen's orders .	$67,617 76	
Payment of town notes . .	11,400 00	
License money to state . .	25	
Payment of hired money . .	27,000 00	
Payment of interest . . .	3,552 37	
Balance in treasury . . .	10,921 20	
		$120,491 58

WENTWORTH J. EARLE,
Auditor.

COHASSET, February 10, 1899.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TOWN HISTORY.

After receiving the appropriation made at the annual town meeting of 1898, we proceeded with the publication of the history. The half-tone plates for the illustrations and the lithographic printing of the maps were the work of the Suffolk Engraving Co. The contract for the printing and binding was made with Samuel Usher of Boston. Both these lines of work were carried on to our satisfaction and good judges tell us that the printing and binding are all that could be desired. Miss Priscilla L. Collier kindly furnished us with her list of the flora of Cohasset. It has been appended to the history and will be of great interest to local botanists. The design chosen for the town seal was proposed by our historian and the first sketch for it was made by Mr. Edward Nichols. Various slight changes were incorporated in it and finished drawings and plates were made by the Suffolk Engraving Co. The seal was submitted to the town at a special meeting, held Nov. 5, 1898, and adopted as the official seal. It appears in gilt upon the cover of our history and we trust it will typify the meaning of the name Cohasset, as well as the picturesque beauty of our scenery.

An excellent map of the northern portion of the town was obtained from the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, which represents their work here in 1894. This was so far superior to any other map of the town that we had the southern portion of the town surveyed by an expert surveyor and the map

completed in conformity with the Coast Survey portion. This work requi ed an expense of $160.00, but is so satisfactory that we consider the money well spent. Other details of the progress of the work are fully stated in the introduction to the history and in the author's preface, to both of which reference is made.

The history contains 552 pages of text, and with introduction, table of contents, index, etc., comprises 579 pages. We had an edition of 800 copies printed, of which we have already sold about 600, the demand being fully up to our expectations. There are plenty of copies on hand for all who wish them; also, maps of the town in separate form for those who desire them. Owing to the increased size of the book and the large number of copies required for the edition, the cost of publication exceeded the appropriation by several hundred dollars. The price of $2, although below cost, is made possible by the town's generous action, and places the book within the reach of the most humble citizen. The bills for publication are not yet fully adjusted, and we are unable to make a financial report at this time.

We feel that the author is to be congratulated upon having produced a readable and attractive book, and one that has distinct merit in its literary style. We desire again to thank all who have aided in the work by information, suggestions, encouragement or otherwise, and to testify to our appreciation of the liberal and substantial support given by the town. We trust that this history will lead to an awakening of the public interest in historical matters, and that the traditions and spirit of the early history of our town will be to all a lesson and an inspiration.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER H. HOWE,

Secretary and Treasurer for the Committtee.

One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

THE SELECTMEN

OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET

—AND THE—

REPORTS OF OTHER TOWN OFFICERS,

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1899.

WEYMOUTH, MASS.:
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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1899-1900.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

PHILANDER BATES, Chairman	Term expires		March, 1902
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW . .	"	"	March, 1901
NEWCOMB B. TOWER . .	"	"	March, 1900

Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

ABRAHAM H. TOWER.

School Committee.

E. POMEROY COLLIER . .	Term expires		March, 1902
JOSEPH. S. BIGELOW . .	"	"	March, 1900
AMOS A. LAWRENCE . .	"	"	March, 1900
LOUIS T. CUSHING . . .	"	"	March, 1901
HARRY E. MAPES . . .	"	"	March, 1901
CALEB LOTHROP, Sec. and Treas.	"	"	March, 1902

Board of Health.

THE SELECTMEN.

Fire Engineers.

HARRY E. MAPES, Chief.
HENRY E. BRENNOCK, 1st Asst.
ALSON S. RICHARDSON, 2d Asst.
A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD.

Superintendent of Streets.

PHILANDER BATES.

Auditor.

WENTWORTH J. EARLE.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ALLEN C. BATES, PAUL J. BATES.

Auctioneers.

LOUIS N. LINCOLN, AARON PRATT,
JAMES S. BEAL, EDWARD E. WENTWORTH,
CHARLES A. GROSS.

Constables.

EDWARD E. WENTWORTH, MANUEL S. ENOS,
A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD, JOHN ROCHE,
SIDNEY L. BEAL, THOMAS MANNIX.

Trustees of the Public Library.

Miss EDITH M. BATES . .	Term expires		March, 1902
Mrs. EDWARD F. RIPLEY . .	"	"	March, 1902
Dr. OLIVER H. HOWE . .	"	"	March, 1902
EDWARD E. ELLMS . . .	"	"	March, 1901
LOUIS T. CUSHING . . .	"	"	March, 1901
ABRAHAM H. TOWER, Treasurer	"	"	March, 1901
Mrs. ABRAHAM H. TOWER .	"	"	March, 1900
EDWARD F. RIPLEY . . .	"	"	March, 1900
Miss SARAH B. COLLIER, Librarian	"	"	March, 1900

Fence Viewers.

EPHRAIM SNOW, Jr., FRANK F. MARTIN, Jr.,
GEORGE JASON.

Field Drivers.

MANUEL S. LEONARD, BENJAMIN F. MORSE,
JOSEPH E. GRASSIE, WILLIAM W. BATES.
GEORGE W. BEAL.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

HERBERT L. BROWN, ZENAS D. LINCOLN,
FRANKLIN BEAL.

Public Weighers.

CALEB F. NICHOLS, CHAUNCY A. SLADE,
HERBERT L. BROWN, LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER.

Surveyors of Lumber.

ARTHUR O. HIGGINS, JOSEPH A. VALINE.

Inspector of Animals and Provisions.

CALEB F. NICHOLS

Inspector of Cattle.

DARIUS W. GILBERT, V. S.

Undertaker.

WARREN F. SNOW.

Pound Keeper.

LEVI L. WORRICK.

Keeper of Lockup.

MANUEL S. ENOS.

Harbor Master.

JOSEPH JASON, Jr.

Registrars of Voters.

*CHARLES F. TILDEN	. .	Term expires	May 1, 1900
*C. JAMES PRATT	. . .	" "	May 1, 1901
JOHN L. PRATT	. . . .	" "	May 1, 1902
THOMAS DOYLE	. . .	" "	May 1, 1901
EDWARD E. ELLMS	. . .	" "	May 1, 1900

HARRY F. TILDEN, Town Clerk, *ex-officio* Clerk of Board.

*Resigned.

TOWN OF COHASSET.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For 1899.

Doings of the

TOWN OF COHASSET.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Extracts from the Town Records.

The Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset was held March 6, 1899, agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same, at which time the several articles contained were acted upon as follows :—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Chose Philander Bates, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To act upon the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Treasurer of the Public Library, School Committee, Treasurer of School Committee, and Auditor.

Each of the above reports were, by a vote, accepted.

ARTICLE 3. To chose all Town Officers required by law and town by-laws.

A list of the officers chosen at this meeting and appointed by the Selectmen may be seen upon pages 4, 5 and 6.

ARTICLE 4. What sums of money will the town raise and appropriate for the payment of debt, interest, repairs of highways, support and relief of poor, schools, public libraries, electric lights, water for hydrants, public buildings, fountains and streets and all other necessary charges and expenses for the current year.

Voted, that the sum of sixty-one thousand, two hundred and seventy-five dollars ($61,275.00) be appropriated the current year as recommended by the Selectmen which was as follows: —

For Payment of Funded Debt	$6,400 00
Payment of interest	3,200 00
Support of Schools	13,000 00
Support and Relief of Poor	6,000 00
Highways and Sidewalks	12,000 00
Removing Snow	2,000 00
Electric Lights	5,000 00
Water for Hydrants	2,200 00
Fire Department	1,500 00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	700 00
Town Officers	2,000 00
Watering Streets	1,300 00
Special Police	1,600 00
Public Libraries	950 00
Henry Bryant Post 98, G. A. R.	100 00
Printing	250 00
Straits Pond	100 00
Military Aid	250 00
Inspection of Provisions	125 00
Town Hall	500 00
Board of Health	100 00
Account of Iron Bridge (Border street)	1,000 00
Incidentals	1,000 00
Total	$61,275 00

Voted, That the sum of forty-seven thousand and twenty dollars ($47,020.00) be assessed and raised by taxation the current year, as recommended by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 5. Will the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes and to pay State and Military Aid.

It was voted, That he be so authorized.

ARTICLE 6. In what manner will the town collect the taxes, and at what time shall they be paid into the Treasury?

It was voted, That the taxes the current year be collected in the same manner, and paid into the Treasury at the same time as last year, which was: "The taxes assessed for the current year, shall be due and payable on the first day of August; and on all taxes remaining unpaid on the first day of October, interest, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, shall be added thereto until paid; and the taxes remaining unpaid on the tenth day of January (1900) shall be considered delinquent, and subject to collection according to law. The interest accruing under this vote shall be added to and be a part of such taxes."

ARTICLE 7. What compensation will the town allow the Collector of Taxes for the current year?

It was voted, That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the current year be the same as last year, viz: two hundred dollars.

ARTICLE 8. To hear the report of the Selectmen on guide boards and act thereon.

It was voted, That the following report of the Selectmen on guide boards be accepted.

"Guide boards are maintained at the following places: Junction of Jerusalem Road and Hull Street; Forest Avenue and Jerusalem Road; Jerusalem Road and North Main Street; Forest Avenue, North Main and King Streets; King

and Beechwood Streets; Church and Beechwood Streets; Beechwood and Doane Streets; South Main and Beechwood Streets; South Main and Summer Streets; Summer Street and Snow Place; Border and Summer Streets."

Article 9. Will the town accept the list of jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

It was voted, That the names of the six persons who requested it be stricken from the list of jurors.

It was voted, That there be four persons added to the list of jurors.

It was voted, That the list of jurors as amended be accepted, which was as follows:

Abraham J. Antoine,
Arthur S. Bates,
Harry C. Bates,
Isaac W. Beal,
Francis Beal,
Franklin Beal,
Henry E. Brennock,
Orlando Curtis,
George L. Davenport,
John M. Damon,
Wenthworth J. Earle,
John E. F. Frates,
Joseph E. Grassie,
Frederic G. James,
Herman S. James,
Thomas F. Kinsley,
George W. Kimball,
Charles L. Kittrell,
Frederic L. Lincoln,
James O. McCormack,
Henry L. McMahon,
Benjamin F. Morse,
John J. A. Pratt,
John L. Pratt,
William H. Pratt,
John Roche,
Ephraim Snow, Jr.
Edward L. Stevens,
Warren L. Tower,
George P. Tower,
Manuel P. Valine,
Ralph B. Williams,
Levi T. Lincoln.

Article 10. To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen at the last annual meeting.

It was voted, That the report of the committee on dam at mouth of Little Harbor be accepted.

It was voted, That the above committee be discharged with the thanks of the town.

It was voted, That the report of the committee on alterations to the Osgood School building be accepted.

ARTICLE 11. Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in the town the current year, in accordance with Chap. 100, Sec. 5 of the Public Statutes? The polls for the reception of ballots upon this question, will be opened at 11.30 a. m., and be kept opened until 1 o'clock p. m.

Upon the above question 166 ballots were cast, of which 98 were "No," and 68 were "Yes."

ARTICLE 12. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of $100 to place and maintain an electric light, at or near the junction of South Main and Mill streets, or act thereon.

It was voted, That the above article be left to the discretion of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 13. Will the town place two electric lights on Parker avenue, or any action relating thereto.

It was voted, That the town raise and appropriate $100 for above purpose.

ARTICLE 14. Will the town authorize the Overseers of the Poor to construct and furnish a building or buildings adapted to the requirements of the town's poor whenever the present almshouse property shall have been disposed of by sale, and will the town authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to hire money sufficient to meet any deficiency that may occur between the amount received for the present almshouse property and the cost of new buildings or act on anything relating thereto.

It was voted, That when the occasion arises for a new building for the town's poor, the Overseers of the Poor submit plans and estimates of cost for action of the town at any meeting.

It was voted, That the Overseers be authorized to spend in new building and fittings for almshouse purposes whenever the present almshouse is disposed of, a sum not exceeding $5000 over the amount realized from the sale of the almshouse property.

ARTICLE 15. Will the town instruct its selectmen to place a hydrant near Tilden's stable and Hanlon's scenic studio on Ripley Road or act on anything relating thereto?

It was voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to place a hydrant on Ripley Road near Tilden's stable and Hanlon's scenic studio and that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated therefor.

ARTICLE 16. To hear and act upon the report of the selectmen on the purchase of a steam roller.

It was voted, That the Selectmen purchase a steam roller for the use of the town the current year provided the State Highway Commission build another section of State road the ensuing year and appropriate the sum of $3000 for that purpose.

ARTICLE 17. Will the town appropriate a sum of money for the suppression of gambling and illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in the town the current year?

It was voted, That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for the above purpose.

ARTICLE 18. Will the town authorize the making of a public landing place for boatmen at the creek opposite the residence of Andrew J. Studley on Margin street by removing a sufficient portion of the stone wall and putting in its place a movable wooden fence.

It was voted, That the town authorize the making of a public landing place for boatmen at the creek opposite the residence of Andrew J. Studley on Margin street by removing a sufficient portion of the stone wall and putting in its place a movable wooden fence provided the Selectmen in-

vestigate this matter and find it can be done without involving the town in litigation.

ARTICLE 19. To hear the report of the selectmen in regard to an electric fire alarm and act thereon.

It was voted, That the above article be referred to the Selectmen to find cost of establishing telephone connections with the other villages of the town.

ARTICLE 20. Will the town cause the financial report to be printed and distributed in the month of February 1900.

It was voted, In the affirmative.

ARTICLE 21. To see what action the town will take with reference to that part of Little Harbor enclosed by Cat Dam.

It was voted, That a committee be appointed to investigate and report at a future meeting what can be done to improve that part of Little Harbor enclosed by Cat Dam.

The committee appointed were Benj. L. M. Tower, Z. T. Hollingsworth and Daniel N. Tower.

ARTICLE 22. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to contract with the State Highway Commission to build a section of state road the ensuing year?

It was voted, That they be so authorized.

ARTICLE 23. Will the town instruct the Selectmen to remove the fence around the Common and dispose of the same by sale?

It was voted, That the posts and chains be continued on the Common and that the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated to replace any weak or rotten posts found there, the work to be done under the direction of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 24. Will the town accept Sections 13 and 14 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, or act thereon?

It was voted, That sections 13 and 14 of Chapter 27 be accepted. It was an unanimous vote.

Article 25. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners of the County of Norfolk to discontinue part or the whole of the road laid out by the County Commissioners at the head of Cove in Cohasset, named and laid out in 1846. And said Selectmen to petition said County Commissioners to lay out a road from Summer street northerly to Elm street in said Cohasset at the head of Cove as the public convenience requires, or act thereon.

It was voted, That above article be referred to the Selectmen to investigate and report at next annual meeting.

It was voted, That the thanks of this meeting be extended to the Moderator for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over it.

Previous to dissolving, Abraham H. Tower explained the account of the error existing between his account and the Selectmen's account in the town report of 1898.

It was voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

HARRY F. TILDEN,

Town Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Cohasset, held Tuesday, June 20, 1899, at 8 o'clock P. M., agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same, the several articles in the warrant were acted upon as follows :—

Article 1. To chose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Chose Philander Bates, Moderator.

Article 2. Will the town direct the Selectmen to lease to the Episcopal Church in Cohasset a certain piece of land upon which the Grand Army Hall now stands or act on anything relating thereto.

It was voted, That the town of Cohasset instruct the Selectmen, acting with the Commander and Adjutant of the Grand Army, to lease the lot of land, about one-third of an acre, upon which the Grand Army Hall now stands, to the Episcopal Church, for the term of ninety-nine years, without consideration, or to deed it if possible; on condition that said Church pay to the Trustees of the Public Library for the town $2,000.00 to be used for any purpose at their discretion.

It was voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

HARRY F. TILDEN,

Town Clerk.

MILITARY DUTY.

The number of men in Cohasset liable to perform military duty May 1, 1899 333

DOGS LICENSED.

The number of dogs licensed in Cohasset from December 1, 1898 to 1899 were :—

Male	142
Female	13
Total	155

HARRY F. TILDEN,

Town Clerk.

ELECTION RECORD.

November 7, 1899.

Number of Registered Voters in Cohasset, 521.

Whole number of ballots cast, 291.

Governor.

Albert B. Coats of Beverly, Pro.	3
W. Murray Crane of Dalton, Rep.	185
Robert Treat Paine, Jr., of Boston, Dem.	83
George R. Peare of Lynn, S. L. Party	1
Winfield P. Porter of Newburyport, Dem. Soc. N. P.	0
Blanks	18

Lieutenant-Governor.

John L. Bates of Boston, Rep.	194
John H. Mack of North Adams, Dem.	76
James H. Roberts of Cambridge, Pro.	2
Isaac W. Skinner of Brockton, Dem. Soc. N. P.	1
James F. Stevens of Boston, S. L. Party	0
Blanks	18

Secretary.

Charles H. Bradley of Haverhill, Dem. Soc. N. P.	1
John B. Lewis, Jr., of Reading, Pro.	5
Henry Lloyd of Boston, Dem.	69
Frank McDonald of Stoneham, S. L. Party	1
William M. Olin of Boston, Rep.	187
Blanks	28

Treasurer.

Edward S. Bradford of Springfield, Rep.	191
Joseph J. Flynn of Lawrence, Dem.	71
Herbert B. Griffin of Winthrop, Pro.	1
Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield, S. L. Party	1
Charles W. White of Winchester, Dem. Soc. N. P.	2
Blanks	25

Auditor.

Elbridge Gerry Brown of Brockton, Dem.	74
Frank Albion Forsstrom of Worcester, S. L. Party	0
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg, Rep.	184
Angus McDonald of Boston, Dem. Soc. N. P.	0
Franklin A Palmer of Stockbridge, Pro.	2
Blanks	31

Attorney-General.

Addison W. Barr of Worcester, Dem. Soc. N. P.	4
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford, Rep.	190
John H. Morrison of Lowell, Dem.	71
Sidney Perley of Salem, Pro.	2
Walter P. J. Skahan of New Bedford, S. L. Party	0
Blanks	24

Councillor—First District.

John A. Billings of Rockland, Dem. Soc. N. P.	5
Charles J. McGurk of New Bedford, Dem.	67
John Meal of New Bedford, S. L. Party	0
David F. Slade of Fall River, Rep.	188
Blanks	31

Senator—First Plymouth District.

Jacob Hersey of Whitman, Pro.	5
Amos A. Lawrence of Cohasset, Rep.	203
Benjamin F. Peterson of Whitman, S. L. Party	60
Blanks	23

Representative in General Court—Third Plymouth District.

Jason M. Ennice of Cohasset, Dem.	143
Frederic M. Hersey of Hingham, Rep.	135
Thomas G. Leigh of Hingham, Pro.	2
Blanks	11

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—NORFOLK.

Charles C. Sanderson of Dedham, Dem. . . .	73
Edwin D. Wadsworth of Milton, Rep. . . .	181
Blanks	37

TOWN CLERKS' CONVENTION.

On the seventeenth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, the Town Clerks of Hingham, Cohasset and Hull, said towns comprising the third Plymouth Representative District assembled at the Second District Court-room at twelve o'clock M. for the purpose of examining the returns of votes given in and determining who had been elected to represent said District in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday, in January, 1900, proceeded and canvassed said returns and found the ballots given in for the several candidates to be as follows :—

	Hingham.	Cohasset	Hull.	Totals.
Jason M. Ennice of Cohasset	104	113	21	268
Frederic M. Hersey of Hingham	302	135	28	465
Thomas G. Leigh of Hingham	25	2	7	34
Blanks	15	11	6	32
Totals	446	291	62	799

It appearing that Frederic M. Hersey of Hingham, had received a plurality of the votes given in, a certificate of election was issued to him.

CHARLES N. MARSH, *Town Clerk of Hingham.*
HARRY F. TILDEN, *Town Clerk of Cohasset.*
JAMES JEFFREY, *Town Clerk of Hull.*

List of Marriages, Births and Deaths--Registered in Cohasset during the Year 1899.

MARRIAGES.

Date.	Name.	Residence.	Where and by Whom Married.
Jan. 2	John Willnot Hunt	Cohasset.	Married in Eevertt by Rev. Amos Harris.
	Elizabeth Alice Murray	Everett.	
Jan. 17	Willard Jackson Coombs	Norwell.	Married in Norwell by Rev. T. Thompson.
	Addie Maria (Litchfield) Morris	Cohasset.	
Jan. 25	Edward L. Brickett	Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. J. N. Girsler.
	Christine McDonald	Newton.	
Feb. 2	George Lester Smith	Cohasset.	Married in Norwell by Rev. T. Thompson.
	Elsie Dean Clapp	Scituate.	
Feb. 8	Joseph Adams Valine	Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William H McDonough.
	Mary Theresa Kraback	Cohasset.	
Mar. 8	Frederick W. Capell	Norwell.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William Henry Brooks of Boston.
	Olive F. Jewett	Cohasset.	
April 4	Newell D. Atwood	Stoughton.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Charles H. Puffer of Salem.
	Alta P. (Murray) Wheelock	Cohasset.	
April 5	Dennie Golden	Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Wm. McDonough.
	Mary MacDonald	Cohasset.	
April 5	Michael Keenan	Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Wm. McDonough.
	Lizzie King	Cohasset.	
April 6	Manual S. Fratos	Boston.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Wm. McDonough.
	Phyllis N. Sylvia	Cohasset.	
April 10	Alexander E. Stoddard	Cohasset.	Married in Brockton by Rev. Rush R. Shippen.
	Ella H. Tilden	Brockton.	
April 19	Darius W. Gilbert	Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Bev. E. Victor Bigelow.
	Florence L. Goodnow	Cohasset.	

MARRIAGES — *Continued.*

Date.	Name.	Residence.	Where and by Whom Married.
April 19	Martin T. Scannell	Scituate.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Wm. McDonough.
	Julia Sullivan	Malden.	
April 19	Andrew Desmond	Cohasset.	Married in Dedham by Rev. John H. Fleming.
	Mary Lyons	Dedham.	
April 20	Peter G. Kimball	Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Seelye Bryant.
	Lettie G. Litchfield	Scituate.	
June 1	Samuel B. Bates	Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. E. Victor Bigelow.
	Velma W. Browne	Cohasset.	
June 7	John F. Murphy	Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Wm. H. McDonough.
	Catherine J. Glynn	Cohasset.	
June 18	John P. Antoine	Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Wm. H. McDonough.
	Minnie E. Ryan	Cohasset.	
June 29	George W. Purce	Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. E. Victor Bigelow.
	Nettie A. Tyrer	Cohasset.	
July 11	Matthew A. Silvia	Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Wm. H. McDonough.
	Margurett Le Bounty	Scituate.	
July 20	Edgar R. Bates	Cohasset.	Married in Winchester by Rev. Wm. L. Lawrence.
	Mary A. Stephens	Winchester.	
Aug. 19	John J. Sheehan	Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Wm. McDonough.
	Mary Shea	Cohasset.	
Aug. 30	William H. Pratt	Cohasset.	Married in Hanover by Rev. Meloin S. Nash.
	Lizzie J. Mann	Hanover.	
Aug. 30	Leayer Macumber	Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Wm. H. McDonough.
	Nellie Murphy	Cohasset.	
Sept. 28	Arthur O. Higgins	Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. E. Victor Bigelow.
	Mary A. Bourne	Cohasset.	
Oct. 3	August F. B. Petersen	Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. E. Victor Bigelow.
	Miriam C. Treat	Cohasset.	

Oct. 8	George A. Henry	Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Wm. H. McDonough.
	Anastasia O'Neill	Cohasset.	
Oct. 11	Edgar W. Bates	Cohasset.	Married in Danvers by Rev. Edward E. Ewing.
	Minnie F. Knight	Danvers.	
Oct. 17	Harry W. Chambers	Boston.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. E. Victor Bigelow.
	Ellen W. Browne	Cohasset.	
Oct. 17	William W. Whitman	Cohasset.	Married in Providence, R. I., by Rev. Rennetts C. Miller.
	Margaret Currie	Providence, R. I.	
Oct. 24	Fred W. Bartlett	Cohasset.	Married in Braintree by Rev. Otis O. Ordway.
	Eva A. Tuttle	Braintree.	
Nov. 27	Harry Stephenson	Salem.	Married in Cohasset, by Rev. Milo H. Gates.
	Grace J. Wells	Ipswich.	
Dec. 25	Egbert Follansbee	Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole.
	Clara A. Barnes	Cohasset.	
Dec. 12	Seth Vinal	Scituate.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. E. Victor Bigelow.
	Genevra W. Cushman	Scituate.	

Thirty-four marriages were registered in Cohasset as per list above, of which twenty-four were solemized in this town. Twenty-six grooms and nineteen brides were residents of Cohasset, while there were but fourteen marriages in which both were residents of this town.

HARRY F. TILDEN, *Town Clerk.*

BIRTHS. 1899.

Date.	Name.	Parents' Name.	Mother's M. N.	Place of Birth.
Jan. 1 . .	Cecil Moffit Babbitt.	Samuel M. and Bessie E.	Priest.	Forest Ave.
Jan. 6 . .	Marguerite Sophia Grassie	John J. and Caroline E.	Neagle.	Border St.
Jan. 11 . .	Elsie Josephine Grassie.	Thomas S. and Mary J.	Healey.	Parker Ave.
Jan. 26 . .	Richard Withington Howe.	Oliver H. and Martha D.	Paul.	North Main St.
Jan. 29 . .	Thomas A. Tower, Jr. } twins.	Thomas A. and Maria O.	Duncanson.	Sohier St.
Jan. 29 . .	Charles W. Tower. }			
Feb. 2 . .	—— Miller.	William and ——	Bosworth.	
Feb. 7 . .	John Joseph Fleming.	John and Delia.	Kelley.	Parker Ave.
Feb. 13 . .	Agnes Elizabeth Valine.	Abraham A. and Bridget.	Monahan.	Stockbridge St.
Feb. 28 . .	George Abner McKenzie.	Thomas and Margaret E.	Haley.	South Main St.
Feb. 28 . .	Patrick Ignatius Coyne.	Michael M. and Catherine.	Keenan.	Highland Ave.
Feb. 28 . .	Christina Elanor Tower.	—— and Mary.	Tower.	Elm St.
Mar. 2 . .	Mary Glory Boteilha.	Manuel S. and Mary T.	Crovalha.	Parker Ave.
Mar. 3 . .	Hazel Blanche Scheidecker.	Alfred E. and Sophia.	Hasenfus.	North Main St.
Mar. 16 . .	Mattie Joseph Riberra.	Martin J. and Josephina M.	Ascencao.	Spring St.
Mar. 17 . .	Rosamond Francis Thayer.	Samuel N. and Margaret E.	Cusick.	North Main St.
Mar. 25 . .	Martha Dickinson Snow.	Ephraim and Maude.	Dickinson.	Beach St.
Mar. 26 . .	Lloyd Chester Higgins.	Frederick C. and Emma F.	Vance.	Margin St.
April 16 .	Mercy Vinal Nichols.	Stephen R. and Clarissa W.	Brown.	Elm St.
April 23 . .	Thelma Lewis.	Elmer W. and Nellie.	Parker.	Ripley Road.
May 1 . .	Olive May Wadsworth.	Edwin H. and Lena J.	Crockett.	
May 10 . .	Esther Clarke Burgess.	Augustus and Lottie B.	Sampson.	Smith Place.
May 14 . .	Georgianna E. Antoine. } twins	George and Mary E.	Smith.	Parker Ave.
May 14 . .	George Enos Antoine. }			
May 15 . .	William Sydney.	Antoine andJosephine.	Frates.	Stockbridge St.
May 24 . .	Howard Bates.	Elmer E. and Myra E.	Bates.	Beechwood St.
June 7 . .	Eunice Maria Ainslie.	George E. and Mary L.	Egan.	Beechwood St.
June 9 . .	Ruth Olive Damon.	Sanford L. and Olive R.	Wright.	Beechwood St.
June 20 . .	—— De Ford.	Henry and Alice.	Fessenden.	Snow Place.
June 26 . .	Frank Joseph Silvia.	Joseph F. L. and Eunice.	Mello.	Stockbridge St.

June 29 . .	Ruth Pauline Sylvester.	Clarence and Vera J.	Hinds.	Border St.
July 1 . .	Ethelend Liswell Studley.	Clarence and Bertha.	Liswell.	Snow Place
July 3 . .	Mary Catherine Bagwell.	John and Mary A.	Finnegan.	Jerusalem Road.
July 7 . .	Charles Wilson Vickery.	Samuel and Emma R.	Taylor.	Hull St.
July 23 . .	—— Dooley.	Thomas and Rose.	Dargan.	
July 23 . .	Maria Argenta Valine.	Ernest and Argenta.	Dringali.	Stockbridge St.
July 25 . .	John James Mulcahy.	John W. and Hannah A.	Hart.	James' Lane.
July 27 . .	Herbert Elwood Morse.	Benjamin F. and Winifred E.	Lynch.	North Main St.
July 27 . .	Richard Edward Litchfield.	Lewellyn A. and Annie L.	Steele.	Church St.
July 31 . .	Margret Loretta Fratus.	Anthony C. and Catherine M.	Patton.	Beechwood St.
Aug. 7 . .	Ralph Waldo Burley.	Frank C. and Sarah	Crockett.	Jerusalem Road.
Aug 10 . .	Meldrid Francis Doris.	Francis J. and Elizabeth.	Fratus.	Border St.
Aug. 12 . .	Thomas Eliot Bowser, Jr.	Thomas E. and Carrie A.	Hare	North Main St.
Aug. 13 . .	Grace Burke.	Michael and Annie.	MacNomara.	Spring St.
Aug. 24 . .	John Weston Fratus.	John W. and Susie M.	Souther.	Beechwood St.
Sept. 5 . .	Anthony Ferria Oliver.	Manuel and Mariana C.	Dias.	Elm St.
Sept. 7 . .	Marion Gertrude Anderson.	Joseph C. and Annie F.	McKay.	Beechwood St.
Sept. 15 . .	Robert Emmit Donovan.	Daniel and Mary.	McCarthy.	Sohier St.
Oct. 25 . .	Robert Kinsley.	Thomas F. and Merna L.	Loche.	Beechwood St.
Nov. 2 . .	Edmund Collier.	George W. and Francis P.	Osgood.	North Main St.
Nov. 6 . .	Chester Nathaniel Prior.	Arthur and Edna E.	Foster.	Elm St.
Nov. 23 . .	Leonore Cole.	William R. and Leonore.	Schumann.	Ripley Road.
Dec. 27 . .	Robert James Connell.	Patrick and Sarah.	McElwain.	Jerusalem Road.
1897.				
June 20 . .	Michael Henry Fleming.	John and Delia.	Kelley.	Parker Ave.
1898.				
Mar. 15 . .	Charles Edward Wadsworth.	Edwin H. and Lena J.	Crockett.	Jerusalem Road.
June 7 . .	Joseph Ferrira.	Antoine and Maria.	Koneeica.	Beechwood St.
July 3 . .	Hannah Francis Wigmore.	Stephen and Annie M.	Crowley.	Pleasant St.

The above list contains the names of fifty-three babies born in Cohasset in 1899, and four omitted from previous report. Of those born in 1899, there were twenty-five females, and twenty-eight males, with parentage as follows: American father and American mother, 29; American father and foreign mother, 11; foreign father and American mother, 4; foreign father and foreign mother, 9.

HARRY F. TILDEN, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS, 1899.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE. Y.	AGE. M.	AGE. D.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF DEATH.
Jan. 3	(1) Michael Coyne.	35	0	0	Accidental Shooting.	—
Jan. 5	Andrew Petersen.	87	5	0	Old Age.	Boston.
Jan. 22	(2) Thomas O. Hayden.	58	5	22	Uraemia.	Border St.
Jan. 28	(1) Thomas Roche.	79	1	7	Senile Decay.	North Main St.
Jan. 28	Daniel Webster Pratt.	69	8	10	Paralysis.	Summer St.
Jan. 29	Lucretia N. (Bates) Stoddard.	79	2	0	Broncho Pneumonia.	Jerusalem Rd.
Jan. 29	Charles Williams Tower.	0	0	1	Premature Birth.	Sohier St.
Jan. 29	Thomas Allen Tower, jr.,	0	0	1	Premature Birth.	Sohier St.
Feb. 17	Hannah (Marshall) James.	59	7	0	Pneumonia.	King St.
Mar. 13	John Maria Smith.	56	2	0	Sarcoma.	Pleasant St.
Mar. 13	(3) Mary (MacDonald) Flynn.	86	0	0	Broncho Pneumonia.	Stockbridge St.
Mar. 16	Theodore Schumann Cole.	0	3	18	Influenza.	Ripley Rd.
Mar. 21	Susan (Lincoln) Nichols.	74	7	0	Heart Disease.	Sohier St.
Mar. 26	Margaret (Rae) Roche.	77	0	0	Cerebral Embolism.	North Main St.
Mar. 29	(4) Mary L. (Boott) Welch	76	0	0	Paralysis.	South Main St.
Mar. 29	Ruth E. (Richardson) Morgan.	77	3	0	Influenza.	Beechwood St.
Mar. 30	Andra Aspro.	28	0	0	Concussion of Brain (accident)	Ripley Rd.
Apr. 6	Grace H. Beal.	20	6	6	Acute Bright's Disease.	Hull St.
Apr. 17	(1) Daniel Webber.	75	8	0	Fracture of Skull (R.R. injury)	North Main St.
Apr. 29	Winnie M. Hutchinson.	20	0	0	Acute Bright's Disease.	Hull, Mass.
May 13	Rachel B. Beal.	81	4	8	Disease of Heart.	Norwell, Mass.
May 20	Dorothy E. Cann.	2	9	15	Acute Nephritis.	South Main St.
May 22	Herman S. James.	26	7	7	Sencocythemia.	Beechwood St.
June 7	Frederick Bates Tower.	25	9	20	Appendicitis.	Boston.
June 12	Louisa (Wood) Morris.	75	9	0	Valvular Disease of Heart.	Beechwood St.
July 23	Abner N. Bates.	39	2	0	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	Beechwood St.

Aug. 6	(1) Mary Emma Smith,	0	7	17	Acute Meningitis,	Summer St.
Aug. 10	Louis Nichols Lincoln,	72	6	14	Diabetes,	Elm St.
Aug. 12	(1) Jeremiah Murphy,	85	0	0	Old Age,	North Main St.
Aug. 13	Allen Collier Bates,	55	10	9	Cerebral Hemorrhage,	Highland Ave.
Aug. 28	(1) Hannah Frances Wigmore,	1	1	26	Cholera Infantum,	Pleasant St.
Sept. 1	Georgianna E. Antoine,	0	3	16	Cholera Infantum	Parker Ave.
Sept. 8	(1) Helen Smith,	2	3	28	Acute Dysentery.	Summer St.
Sept. 17	Otis V. Barnes,	72	6	6	Bright's Disease,	King St.
Sept. 24	George E. Antoine,	0	4	10	Cholera Infantum	Parker Ave.
Oct. 2	(1) Jane (Fanning) Kinsley,	81	2	0	Broncho Pneumonia,	Beechwood St.
Oct. 7	Susan L. (Willcutt) Collier,	73	6	13	Enteritis,	South Main St.
Oct. 13	Joseph C. Anderson,	35	0	0	Pulmonary Phthisis,	Beechwood St.
Dec. 2	(5) Edward W. Maloney,	42	0	0	Paralysis,	Margin St.
Dec. 4	George B. Williams,	54	0	0	Myocarditis,	Tewksbury, Mass.
Dec. 13	(6) Alexander Chisholm,	50	0	0	Accidental Injury,	Forest Ave.
Dec. 15	May Elizabeth Jones,	33	4	0	Valvular Disease and Pneumonia,	Somerville, Mass.
Dec. 16	Robert Newcomb,	45	0	0	Cerebral Hemorrhage,	Margin St.
Dec. 22	(1) John Sweeney,	57	7	0	Acute Phthisis,	Bow St.
1898						
Jan. 1	Chloe L. Tower,	70	3	10	Tumor of Spinal Cord,	Quincy, Mass.

1. Buried at Hingham.
2. Buried at Scituate.
3. Buried at Roxbury.
4. Buried at Waltham.
5. Buried at Bangor, Me.
6. Buried at Salem.

The above list comprises forty-five names, and includes seven who have died in other places, who were either residents of this town, or were brought here for burial.

Of the thirty-eight who died in this town, twenty-two were males and sixteen were females, and their average age was forty-six years, seven months, and twenty-three days.

Twenty were born in Cohasset, one in Eastport, Me., one in Bangor, Me., one in Norwich, Vt., one in Boston, one in Neponset, one in Lowell, one in Scituate, one in Hingham, and ten in foreign countries.

Nine were under five years, none between five and ten years, none between ten and twenty, three between twenty and thirty, three between thirty and forty, two between forty and fifty, six between fifty and sixty, one between sixty and seventy, eleven between seventy and eighty, and three over eighty years of age.

HARRY F. TILDEN,

Town Clerk.

REPORT

—of the—

SELECTMEN.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

In submitting their annual report your selectmen take pleasure in being able to report that the Border street widening is completed, and that those who opposed the improvement at the beginning now speak in praise of it, and many think it an improvement to the adjoining property. The statement in this report shows the actual cost to the town.

The gate and part of the dam near Mill Bridge has required repairs for which no appropriation was made. The gate was carried away early in the fall of 1898, and the storms of last winter carried away portions of the dam. A new gate has been put in, the wall rebuilt, and both are now in good condition.

The iron bridges also required painting, which work needs to be done as often as once in two years. The expense for both bridges being $130.83, or about $65 for each bridge, which, in case of the Gulf River bridge, might have been saved, had the town been disposed to build a stone arch bridge, which would have required no care or paint.

The amount for watering the streets has exceeded the appropriation, in consequence of a bill for watering in 1897 remaining unpaid of $403.00, and the purchase of a water cart, which seemed a necessity. It is our opinion that the town should own all the water carts required for this service.

As directed by vote of the town at its last annual meeting, a steam road roller has been purchased and a building

built on the Town Hall lot, where the roller can be kept when not in use, making also a place where the tools belonging to the Highway Department can be stored. The expense for roller and building exceeds the appropriation for roller only $128.42. The roller was used in building a section of State road last fall and proved satisfactory. We think it will be found useful in all road work.

Two law suits have been commenced against the town during the year for damages. One by Charles E. Nott and wife, the other by John J. A. Pratt and daughter. The case of Mr. Nott and wife was tried the first of last December and decided in favor of the town. The Pratt cases have not been tried. A report may be made in regard to these suits at the annual meeting in March.

At the last annual town meeting Philander Bates, on accepting the office of Selectman and Assessor for the ensuing three years, alluded to the fact of having served as Selectman and Assessor for twenty-five years, and made the following statement, which, on motion of Charles A. Gross, it was voted should be printed in the next annual town report.

NEW ROADS BUILT.

Doane street at a cost of	$4,622 00
Forest avenue	16,263 80
Nichols avenue	2,570 45
Ripley road	3,105 51
Stockbridge street	546 35
Atlantic avenue extension	26,453 96
Parker avenue	369 23
	$53,931 30

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Smallest amount expended in one year . .	$2,981 58
Largest amount expended in one year . .	9,249 26

Total for 25 years	$152,178 18
Highest rate of taxation $12 00 per $1,000 00	
Lowest rate of taxation $3 90 per $1,000 00	
Average rate of taxation for 25 years $8 11 per $1,000 00	
Amount of valuation in 1874 . . .	$2,231,762 00
Amount assessed in 1874	28,024 00
Amount of valuation in 1898 . . .	4,797,620 00
Amount assessed in 1898	48,516 77
Smallest amount assessed in 1888 . .	14,655 96
Largest amount assessed in 1898 . .	48,516 77
Total amount assessed in 25 years . .	707,571 79
Smallest amount of corporation and bank-tax received	2,019 00
Largest amount of corporation and bank-tax received	30,512 12
Total amount of corporation and bank-tax received for 25 years	316,902 03

The following is an account of expenditure for the year ending Dec. 31, 1899 :—

EXPENDITURES.

Town of Cohasset for the Year Ending December 31, 1899, by the Selectmen.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' RELIEF.

Margaret Nott.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	$48 00

Emily N. Phinney.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	72 00

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver D. Morey.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		$292 50
Mrs. James Rooney and family.		
Paid Caleb F. Nichols, agent, house rent . . .	$60 00	
Oliver H. Howe, M.D., professional attendance .	33 50	
Philander Bates, boots .	4 05	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal and wood . . .	6 51	
George K. Nickerson, meats	22 58	
		$126 64
William F. Harris.		
Paid John W. Bates, nursing .	$13 00	
Herbert E. Fernald, M.D., professional attendance,	11 00	
		$24 00
Mrs. Eliza J. Litchfield.		
Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$47 41	
Lot W. Bates, house rent	50 00	
Oliver H. Howe, M.D., professional attendance .	21 50	
Herbert E. Fernald, M.D., professional attendance .	20 00	
Charles B. Bridgham, M.D. professional attendance .	7 50	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	32 81	
Almshouse, wood . .	34 00	
Elmer E. Bates, milk (1½ years) . . .	33 00	
Frank W. Browne, medicines	3 50	
George K. Nickerson, meats . . .	28 01	
		$277 73

Isaac H. Tower and family.

Paid Charles H. Brigham, M. D., professional attendance . . .	$78 00	
Cohasset Clothing Co., clothes . . .	22 50	
Philander Bates, boots .	9 35	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	4 10	
		$113 95

Leander W. Groce.

Paid Tower Bros. & Co., coal .		$16 00
Total Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief .		$970 82

STATE AID.

Paid Harriet J. Apts, orders on Town Treasurer . .	$48 00	
Leander W. Groce, orders on Town Treasurer .	60 00	
Selectmen, for William F. Harris, orders on Town Treasurer . . .	48 00	
Reuben S. Gurney, orders on Town Treasurer .	6 00	
Alfred Haskell, orders on Town Treasurer . .	48 00	
Eliza J. Litchfield, orders on Town Treasurer .	48 00	
Warren Newcomb, orders on Town Treasurer .	54 00	
Bardin A. Prouty, orders on Town Treasurer .	48 00	
Delia Rooney, orders on Town Treasurer . .	48 00	

Paid Frederick N. Curtis, orders on Town Treasurer .	$40 00	
Lucinda Norton, orders on Town Treasurer . .	16 00	
Martha Barnes, orders on Town Treasurer . .	32 00	
Clarinda R. Bennett, orders on Town Treasurer .	24 00	
Susan Curtis, orders on Town Treasurer . .	16 00	
Total State Aid . . .		$536 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid Robert L. Curtis, orders on Town Treasurer .	$116 00	
Isaac H. Tower, orders on Town Treasurer .	48 00	
Willie F. Thayer, orders on Town Treasurer .	96 00	
Total, Military Aid .		$260 00

One half to be reimbursed by the State.

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid orders on the Town Treasurer . .	$2,336 75

A detailed list of payments may be found in the report of the Superintendent of Streets.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Paid Treasurer Cohasset Public Library . . .	$850 00	
Treasurer Nantasket Public Library . . .	100 00	
		$950 00

BORDER STREET WIDENING.

Paid James E. Brennock, land damages . . .	$550 00	
Catherine R. Brennock, interest . . .	18 37	
Charles S. Bates, land damages	500 00	
Susanna W. French, wharf damages . . .	350 00	
		$1,418 37
Amount paid in 1898 as per last report . .		3,886 26
		$5,304 63
Amount received County of Norfolk . .		1,905 00
Actual cost to the Town . . .		$3,399 63

INSPECTOR OF PROVISIONS.

Paid Caleb F. Nichols, inspector. . . .		$154 00

WATER FOR HYDRANTS.

Paid Cohasset Water Co. .	$2,050 00	
Hingham Water Co. .	125 00	
		$2,175 00

SCHOOL APPROPRIATION.

Paid Treasurer of School Committee . .		$13,000 00

PRINTING.

Paid Weymouth & Braintree Pub. Co., reports .	$174 15	
Weymouth & Braintree Pub. Co., notices and warrants . . .	24 65	

Paid Cotton & Gould, tax bills etc.	$46 39	
George H. Ellis, poll tax list . . .	16 25	
Pratt Bros., assessors' notices . . .	1 25	
Vining & Matthews, advertising . . .	4 25	
		$266 94

WATERING THE STREETS.

Paid Estate Caleb F. B. Tilden, for 1897 . . .	$403 00
F. E. Whitney, repairs on pump . . .	24 15
Cohasset Water Co., standpipe, etc. . . .	45 26
Hingham Water Co., water	148 00
Gross & Nichols, oil . .	4 05
Tower Bros. & Co., gasolene	56 83
Estate Caleb F. B. Tilden, watering . . .	700 00
Estate Alden Beal, watering	300 00
Abbott Downing Co., water-cart	300 00
Freight on water-cart .	4 80
Smith & Thayer Co., cup-leathers . . .	3 60
Hutchings & Pink, repairing belt . . .	1 30
Daniel N. Tower, labor and expense . . .	12 50

Paid Charles F. Tilden, repairs, etc.	$31 75	
Allen C. Bates, repairs and step ladder . .	2 85	
		$2,038 09
Amount received for use of water cart . .		23 75
		$2,014 34

LIGHTING STREETS.

Paid Treasurer of Cohasset Electric Co. .		$5,015 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid per orders of the Fire Engineers . .		$1,425 33

NIGHT POLICE.

Paid Manuel S. Enos . .	$332 00	
J. William Edwards . .	716 00	
Thomas Mannix . .	412 00	
Charles E. Jason . .	54 00	
		$1,514 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid William F. Thayer, quartermaster, .		$100 00

TOWN HALL.

Paid William T. Tilden, janitor	$450 00	
Cohasset Electric Co., lighting	378 30	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal,	170 05	
William T. Tilden, sundries, 1898 and 1899 .	8 30	
Allen C. Bates, sundries .	29 63	

Paid Henry E. Brennock, labor on boiler . . .	$3 50	
Charles F. Tilden, repairs,	1 50	
Israel C. Vinal, painting .	12 20	
Patrick Downes, labor .	1 75	
		$1,055 23
Deduct amount received for rent of Hall . . .	$318 50	
Amount received, care of and warming Library . .	100 00	
		418 50
		$636 73

STRAITS POND.

Paid George W. Beal, care of gate	$90 00	
Tower Bros., & Co., padlock	25	
		$90 25

HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS.

Paid per order of Superintendent of Streets, $13,012 19

A detailed list of payments may be found in Superintendent's Report.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Oliver H. Howe, M. D., vaccination, etc. .	10 00
Edward Sweeney, cleaning ditch . . .	30 00
Paul J. Armes, cleaning pond . . .	16 00
John H. Wilbur, cleaning pond . . .	13 00

Paid Frank A. Pearson, cleaning pond . . .	$5 25	
Manuel S. Leonard, cleaning ditch . . .	10 50	
Abraham A. Valine, burying animal . .	3 00	
Nathaniel W. Treat, labor on drain, (3 years) .	33 17	
Philander Bates, services .	15 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, services	12 50	
		$148 42

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid Treasurer of the Commonwealth, State tax .	$3,105 00	
Treasurer of Norfolk County, County tax .	4,928 57	
		$8,033 57

ABATEMENTS.

Paid from tax list 1894 . .	4 50	
from tax list 1895 . .	7 22	
from tax list 1896 . .	7 00	
from tax list 1897 . .	9 99	
from tax list 1898 . .	202 22	
from tax list 1899 . .	176 35	
		$407 28

STEAM ROAD ROLLER AND BUILDING.

Paid Buffalo-Pitts Co., steam roller . . .	$2,750 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, etc.	257 32	

Paid Joseph D. Hutchinson, labor	$31 25	
Thomas D. Blossom, labor .	30 00	
Frank B. Penor, labor .	19 00	
William L. Pierce, labor .	16 00	
Antoine E. Salvador, labor	22 50	
George M. Ennice, labor .	20 00	
Manuel Oliver, labor .	8 00	
Harry W. Lincoln, painting	8 85	
Israel C. Vinal, painting .	7 50	
Albert J. Morris, painting	7 50	
Frank E. Cook, stone .	8 50	
Paul J. Armes, labor .	18 00	
Manuel S. Leonard, labor .	4 00	
Charles F. Tilden, iron work	2 50	
		$3,210 92
Less amount received for cash discount on roller		82 50
Net cost of steam roller and house . . .		$3,128 42

STATE ROAD—SECOND SECTION.

Paid as per items in Superintendent's report . .	$3,459 92
Less amount received from State . . .	1,923 07
	$1,536 85

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Philander Bates, services and expenses as Selectman and Assessor .	$390 26	
Philander Bates, services and expenses on Corporation and Bank Taxes . . .	17 50	

Paid Joseph S. Bigelow, services as Selectman and Assessor . . .	$125 00
Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses as Selectman and Assessor . . .	335 72
Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses on Corporation and Bank Taxes . . .	15 00
Abraham H. Tower, services as Treasurer .	200 00
Abraham H. Tower, services as Collector of Taxes . . .	200 00
Harry F. Tilden, Town Clerk . . .	75 00
Harry F. Tilden, Clerk of Registrars of Voters .	20 00
Charles F. Tilden, Registrar of Voters . .	8 00
C. James Pratt, Registrar of Voters . . .	8 00
John L. Pratt, Registrar of Voters . . .	20 00
Edward E. Ellms, Registrar of Voters . . .	12 00
Allen C. Bates, Sealer of Weights and Measures	50 00
Thomas W. Doyle, Registrar of Voters .. .	12 00
Wentworth J. Earl, Auditor	25 00
John Roche, Constable .	55 00

Paid John Roche, Election Officer . . .	$3 50	
Thomas Mannix, Constable	45 00	
Sidney L. Beal, Constable	28 00	
Manuel S. Enos, Constable	35 00	
A. Bradford Litchfield, Constable . . .	139 00	
Joseph Jason, Jr., Harbor Master . . .	25 00	
Sidney L. Beal, special police . . .	52 00	
John Roche, special police	27 50	
Thomas Mannix, special police . . .	65 00	
J. William Edwards, special police . . .	6 00	
Manuel S. Enos, special police . . .	2 00	
		$1,996 48

GATE AND DAM, GULF RIVER.

Paid Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, cement, etc. .	$46 16	
Antoine E. Salvador, labor	42 00	
Manuel Oliver, labor .	33 75	
George M. Ennice, labor .	32 25	
John E. Frates, labor .	22 38	
Henry E. Brennock, labor	38 00	
N. E. Bolt & Nut Co., hinges, etc. . .	25 35	
John Fleming, labor .	3 50	
Levi Cadose, labor . .	1 00	
William J. Brennock, labor	5 25	
Joseph Jason, carting derrick . . .	5 00	

Paid Manuel Sylvia, 2d, labor .	$3 00	
Charles F. Tilden, iron work	66 62	
		$324 26

PAINTING IRON BRIDGES.

Paid Tower Bros. & Co., paint and oil . . .	$50 08	
Israel C. Vinal, labor .	27 62	
Harry W. Lincoln, labor,	23 13	
Albert J. Morris, labor .	20 00	
Asahel F. Nott, labor .	10 00	
		$130 83

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Albert J. Morris, flag staff . . .	5 00
Warren F. Snow, return of deaths .	9 50
C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, return of deaths	2 00
Luther J. Bates, distributing reports .	7 00
County of Norfolk, plan Jerusalem Road,	7 90
Manuel S. Enos, care of lockup to Mar. 1, 1900	20 00
Manuel S. Enos, meals furnished at lockup	2 00
Oliver H. Howe, M.D., return of births,	5 50
Oliver H. Howe, M.D., expressage paid,	15
Estate C. F. B. Tilden, conveyance shipwrecked sailors	7 00
Irving W. Wheeler & Co., U. S. flag .	5 74
Sidney L. Beal, court fees . . .	21 70
Herbert L. Washburn, entertainment of Legislative Committee . . .	25 00
Herbert L. Washburn, meals and lodgings for travelers, etc.	8 50

Paid John Mulcahy, mowing common and Osgood school lot	$17 00
E. L. Burdakin, copying records . .	15 00
Estate C. F. B. Tilden, barge for Legislative Committee	10 00
Manuel S. Leonard, manure for common,	57 00
Thomas Loney, manure for common .	94 50
Andrew H. Prouty, mowing common, etc.	25 00
Town of Whitman, copy of mining stocks,	15 00
Adams, Cushing & Foster, ink . .	2 75
Harry W. Souther, postage, etc. . .	32 19
Herbert E. Fernald, M. D., return of births	5 50
Henry R. Nickerson, fish-ways . .	2 00
Edward E. Wentworth, court fees .	14 30
Paul J. Armes, labor on trees . .	9 00
Tower Bros. & Co., cement, etc., for trees	2 10
Tower Bros. & Co., fish-ways . .	7 64
Thomas Mulcahy, mowing common .	10 00
C. C. Hoffman & Co., town seal . .	40 95
Henry E. Brennock, gate, Nichols Ave. .	2 50
Henry E. Brennock, fish-ways . .	5 00
John F. Turner, court fees	12 25
A. Bradford Litchfield, court fees . .	11 70
Peter C. Kimball, lunch for election officers	10 00
Charles C. Smith, lodging travellers . .	4 50
Cohasset Water Co., raising fountain .	3 75
William J. Brennock, watching at lockup	3 00
Andrew H. Prouty, watching at lockup .	1 00
John Roche, posting warrants . .	3 00
Daniel N. Tower, surveying roads . .	11 00
Daniel N. Tower, surveying and plan, White Head	20 00
Charles F. Tilden, gate, Nichols Ave. .	1 15
Charles F. Tilden, guide boards and posts	2 35

Paid Henry Shaw, copy of settlement laws .	$2 00
Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., return of births	2 25
Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance upon tramp	2 00
George Young, care of gate, Nichols Ave.	12 00
Joseph St. John, sundries . . .	30
Manuel S. Enos, posting warrants . .	2 00
Manuel S. Enos, care of Lewis Manuel .	3 00
A. Bradford Litchfield, care of Lewis Manuel	1 00
Allen C. Bates, pump, etc. . . .	13 69
Robert B. Pratt, voting booths . .	4 00
Gross & Nichols, lockup . . .	93
Batchelder & Lincoln Co., boots for firemen	129 96
William T. Tilden, care of town clock .	30 00
Est. C. F. B. Tilden, horse for mowing machine	23 50
Est. C. F. B. Tilden, team for Selectmen	6 75
Est. C. F. B. Tilden, team for Assessors	6 00
Est. C. F. B. Tilden, team for constables	20 50
Est. C. F. B. Tilden, team for Registrars of Voters	2 50
Harry F. Tilden, recording 60 births, etc.	30 00
Harry F. Tilden, recording 45 deaths, etc.	9 00
Harry F. Tilden, recording 36 marriages	7 20
Harry F. Tilden, recording 2 depositions	1 00
Harry F. Tilden, issuing 37 burial permits	5 55
Harry F. Tilden, transmitting 3 certificates	75
Harry F. Tilden, paper, pens and express	6 25
	$900 25

TOWN COMMON.

Paid Charles F. Tilden, repairing chains, etc.	$50 58
Manuel S. Leonard, raking, etc. . .	19 00
Allen C. Bates, sundries . . .	3 73
	$73 31

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

December 31, 1899.

OSGOOD SCHOOLHOUSE DEBT.

Cohasset Savings Bank, 3 time notes . .	$9,000 00

FUNDED DEBT OF 1893.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 4 time notes	13,600 00

DEMAND LOAN.

Cohasset Savings Bank, 4 notes, 1896 . .	14,500 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, balance bridge notes, 1897	4,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, 2 notes, 1897 . .	10,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, 3 notes, 1898 . .	10,000 00
Total interest bearing debt . . .	$61,100 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

December 31, 1899.

Due from Commonwealth for State and military aid	$666 00
City of Boston	203 46
City of Cambridge	48 86
Town of Hingham	190 75
Town of Scituate	224 00
Charles H. Willard	403 91
Frank E. Salvedor	40 00
Pumping plant, Spring street	850 00
Water cart	300 00
Steam roller	2,750 00
Balance in the treasury	14,864 26
	$20,541 24

Total debt of Town	$61,100 00
Deduct assets	20,541 24
Net debt	$40,558 76

RECAPITULATION—1899.

ITEMS.	ORDERS DRAWN.	CREDITS.	NET EXPENDITURES	APPROPRIATION.	WITH NO APPROPRIATION.	EXCESS OF APPROPRIATION.	LESS THAN APPROPRIATION.
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief,	$970 82		$970 82	$700 00		$270 82	
State Aid	536 00	$536 00					
Military Aid	260 00	130 00	130 00	250 00			$120 00
Removing Snow	2,336 75		2,336 75	2,000 00		336 75	
Public Libraries	950 00		950 00	950 00			
Border Street Widening .	1,418 37	*1,050 00	368 37		368 37		
Inspection of Provisions .	154 00		154 00	125 00		29 00	
Water for Hydrants . . .	2,175 00		2,175 00	2,250 00			75 00
Support of Schools . . .	13,000 00		13,000 00	13,000 00			
Printing	266 94		266 94	250 00		16 94	
Watering Streets	2,038 09	23 75	2,014 34	1,300 00		714 34	
Lighting Streets	5,015 00		5,015 00	5,100 00			85 00
Fire Department	1,425 33		1,425 33	1,500 00			74 67
Night Police	1,514 00		1,514 00	1,600 00			86 00
Memorial Day	100 00		100 00	100 00			
Town Hall	1,055 23	418 50	636 73	500 00		136 73	
Straits Pond	90 25		90 25	100 00			9 75
Streets and Sidewalks . .	13,012 19	110 00	12,902 19	12,000 00		902 19	
Board of Health . . .	148 42		148 42	100 00		48 42	

State Tax	3,105 00		3,105 00		3,105 00		
County Tax	4,928 57		4,928 57		4,928 57		
Abatement on Taxes . .	407 28		407 28		407 28		
Steam Roller and Building,	3,210 92	82 50	3,128 42	3,000 00		128 42	
State Highway, 2d Section,	3,459 92	1,923 07	1,536 85		1,536 85		
Town Officers	1,996 48		1,996 48	2,000 00			3 52
Dam and Gate, Gulf River,	324 26		324 26		324 26		
Painting Iron Bridges . .	130 83		130 83		130 83		
Miscellaneous	900 25		900 25	1,000 00			99 75
Town Common	73 31		73 31	100 00			26 69
Support and Relief of Poor,	7,978 44	1,787 97	6,190 47	6,000 00		190 47	
Totals	$72,981 65	$6,061 79	$66,919 86	$53,925 00	$10,801 16	$2,774 08	$580 38

* The balance, $855.00, was anticipated in the 1898 report.

PHILANDER BATES,
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

COHASSET, December 31, 1899.

ESTIMATES.

Amounts estimated by the Selectmen required to meet the expenses of the town for the year 1900 :—

For payment of debt	$6,400 00
payment of interest	3,000 00
support of schools	13,000 00
support and relief of poor	6,000 00
highways and sidewalks	10,000 00
electric lights	5,060 00
water for hydrants	2,200 00
watering streets	1,300 00
soldiers' and sailors' relief	900 00
town officers	2,000 00
night police	1,600 00
fire department	1,000 00
removing snow	500 00
public libraries	950 00
Henry Bryant Post 98, G. A. R.	100 00
printing	275 00
military aid	185 00
inspection of provisions and cattle	250 00
town hall	600 00
incidentals	1,000 00
board of health	100 00
on account of iron bridge	1,000 00
	$57,420 00

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Valuation of real estate May 1, 1898	$2,803,949 00

Valuation of personal estate, May 1, 1898	$1,993,671 00
Total Valuation, May 1, 1898	$4,797,620 00
Valuation of real estate, May 1, 1899	$2,861,469 00
Valuation of personal estate May 1, 1899	2,026,575 00
Total valuation, May 1, 1899	$4,888,044 00
Increase of real estate, May 1, 1899	$57,520 00
Increase of personal estate May 1, 1899	32,904 00
Total increase, May 1, 1899	$90,424 00
Number of polls, May 1, 1899 .	629 00
State tax, 1899	$3,105 00
County tax, 1899	4,928 57
Town grant, 1899	47,120 00
Overlayings, 1899	363 05
Total tax assessed, 1899 . .	55,516 62
Tax rate per $1,000, 1899 . .	11 10
Number of persons assessed, 1899 .	1082
Number of persons assessed on property, May 1, 1899 . .	867
Number of persons assessed on poll tax only 1899 . . .	215
Number of dwellings assessed, 1899	642
Number of horses assessed, 1899 .	445
Number of cows assessed, 1899 .	254
Number of neat cattle assessed, 1899	35
Number of swine, assessed 1899 .	35
Number of fowl assessed, 1899 .	1224
Number of bicycles assessed 1899 .	269

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN.

During the year 1899.

February, James D. Lincoln, Supreme Judicial Court.
March, John L. Pratt, Grand Juror.
March, Benjamin F. Morse, Superior Court.
April, Henry E. Brennock, Superior Court.
August, Franklin Beal, Superior Court.
September, Levi T. Lincoln, Superior Court.
November, Warren L. Tower, Superior Court.
November, William H. Pratt, Superior Court.
November, Isaac W. Beal, Superior Court.
December, George W. Kimball, Superior Court.
December, Abraham J. Antoine, Superior Court.
December, John J. A. Pratt, Superior Court.
December, Frederick L. Lincoln, Superior Court.
December, Thomas F. Kinsley, Superior Court.
December, George L. Davenport, Superior Court.
December, John M. Damon, Superior Court.
December, Joseph E. Grassie, Superior Court.

LIST OF JURORS.

Submitted to the town by the Selectmen for its acceptance or revision at the annual meeting to be held March 5th, 1900.

Abraham J. Antoine,
William C. Appleton,
Arthur S. Bates,
Harry C. Bates,
William H. Bates, Jr.,
Francis Beal,
Isaac W. Beal,
Thomas F. Kinsley,
Frederic L. Lincoln,
Charles C. Lincoln,
Waldo C. Locke,
Henry L. McMahon,
James O. McCormack,
George P. Neagle,

William J. Brennock,
Orlando Curtis,
William E. Crocker,
George L. Davenport,
Thomas W. Doyle,
Wentworth J. Earle,
John E. F. Frates,
Darius W. Gilbert,
John J. Grassie,
Thomas L. Grassie,
Joshua F. Higgins,
Frederic G. James,
George W. Kimball,
Charles L. Kittrell,
Charles E. Nott,
John J. A. Pratt,
John Roche,
Ephraim Snow, Jr.,
Manuel E. Salvador,
George F. Sargent,
Israel N. Small,
George P. Tower,
Willie F. Thayer,
Edward C. Tower,
Manuel P. Valine,
Frank W. Wheelwright,
Ralph B. Williams.

Report of the

Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Tinkham have been in charge of the Almshouse as Superintendent and Matron as in former years. Your Overseers at their monthly visitation have always found the home in good condition and the inmates well cared for. There has been some sickness among the inmates and one death, Jane B. Lambert, who had been an inmate for nearly twenty-three years, bearing patiently her infirmities and appreciating most sincerely all that was done for her comfort.

Your Overseers have not had an opportunity to dispose of the Almshouse property during the year, and therefore no steps have been taken towards building a new one. The necessity, however, still exists for a better arranged home for this purpose, and we hope at no distant day this may be accomplished. Of those fully supported outside of the Almshouse two have died, Johanna Colbrith and George B. Williams. The expense of those assisted outside of the Almshouse is a little more than last year. Your Overseers have tried to keep the expense as low as possible, at the same time have been unwilling that any worthy person should suffer for the necessities of life.

The following is an account of expenditures for support and relief of the poor for the year ending Dec. 31, 1899 :—

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT. DEBIT.

Paid George W. Tinkham, Superintendent . . .	$600 00
Seaverns & Spear, furnishings, etc. . . .	23 20
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	5 25
Warren F. Snow, burial charges	25 00
Herbert E. Fernald, M. D., professional attendance .	5 50
Joseph St. John, groceries	104 09
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	37 59
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., professional attendance .	10 00
Cohasset Clothing Co., clothing . . .	81 63
William F. Thayer & Son, meats	120 37
Estate C. F. B. Tilden, grain	180 20
George O. Higgins & Son, groceries . . .	39 08
William W. Studley, carpentering . . .	37 50
Philander Bates, boots, etc.	25 30
Gross & Nichols, groceries	146 70
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, paints, etc. . . .	239 94
Elisha Stetson, groceries .	14 20
Charles F. Tilden, smithing	47 40
Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., professional attendance .	55 00
Frank W. Browne, medicines	20 60

Paid Joseph E. Grassie, fish, etc.	$67 57
George K. Nickerson, meats	77 09
William O. Souther, ice .	13 28
Estate Miss F. H. Nichols, dry goods . . .	57 94
Harry W. Souther, daily paper	6 50
Allen C. Bates, tinware .	40 02
Massachusetts Ploughman, 2 years	4 00
Danforth P. Sylvester, fish, etc.	55 09
Harry F. Tilden, grain .	16 95
Harry F. Tilden, team .	2 00
Estate C. F. B. Tilden, team	27 50
Charles E. McKenzie, smithing . . .	21 00
Frank E. Winslow, meats .	111 60
Andrew H. Prouty, fish .	40
Arthur A. Davenport, wood	30 00
Levi L. Worrick, cutting wood	22 12
Patrick Keefe, cutting wood	22 12
Henry Nolan, cutting wood	12 00
Joseph F. Sylvia, cutting wood	3 00
Joseph Frates, cutting wood	3 00
Henry Cushing, repairing harness	6 60
New York & Boston Despatch Co., expressing .	4 80
Litchfield's Express, expressing . . .	6 25
Manuel E. Salvador, lobsters	7 75

Paid	Alban D. Gillis, smithing	$8 20
	William McDavitt, pastry .	7 42
	Emma Barnes and daughter, washing . . .	9 50
	Otis Bishop, filing saws .	5 80
	Thomas W. Whitcomb, vegetables . . .	4 25
	Timothy S. Gale, fowl .	1 50
	William W. Bates, potatoes	4 00
	Harry Pratt, oysters . .	2 90
	James H. Hackett, sawing lumber	5 43
	Charles H. Hackett, sawing shingles . . .	10 00
	Joseph Breck & Sons, seeds	6 23
	Cobb, Aldrich & Co., groceries	4 25
	Miss Page, millinery . .	1 50
	Alden Bates, whitewashing	1 50
	Mary R. Cushing, plants, etc.	4 63
	Thomas Loney, pigs . .	16 50
	Samuel F. James, carpentering	6 25
	Willie F. Thayer, carpentering	15 00
	Levi L. Worrick, wood, etc.	6 95
	George Jason, plowing .	2 25
	Samuel D. Tower, repairs,	1 00
	Harry White, fish . .	2 10
	Jordan, Marsh & Co., goods	2 25
	Arthur S. Bates, painting	5 00
	Samuel G. James, use of stock	2 00
	Otis Bros., pastry . .	2 90

Paid George W. Tinkham, sundry bills . . .	$15 38
Philander Bates, services .	30 00
Joseph S. Bigelow, services	15 00
Newcomb B. Tower, services	27 50
	$2,664 32

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT. CREDIT.

Received of Thomas Loney, hay	$17 37
Frank E. Winslow, hay .	21 60
Litchfield's Express . .	8 67
Otis V. Barnes, milk, etc.	3 20
Mrs. M. Lakin, potatoes .	5 00
Henry Collier, potatoes .	2 00
James W. Nichols, potatoes	2 50
William W. Studley, carting wood . . .	3 00
Samuel Nichols, milk .	22 50
Abner Dalby, fowl . .	12 08
Timothy S. Gale, pork .	9 60
Willie F. Thayer, hay .	23 25
John Beale, hay . .	24 30
Philander Bates, hay .	11 98
Thomas Stevens, in exchange of cows . .	5 00
Joseph S. Bigelow, carting wood	35 00
Joseph E. Grassie, potatoes	5 00
Eliza J. Litchfield, wood delivered to . . .	34 00
Elmer E. Bates, wood .	14 00
Louis J. Frates, wood delivered to him . .	7 50

Received Mrs. Louisa Burbank, wood delivered to her .	$9 00	
Abraham H. Tower, trustee, for board J. J. Lothrop	136 04	
William F. Harris, U. S. pension and State Aid, for board . . .	181 00	
removing snow . . .	40 25	
board of 619 tramps . .	247 60	
Almshouse credit .		$881 44

Almshouse debit brought forward	$2,664 32	
Almshouse credit brought forward	881 44	
Almshouse debit, net .		$1,782 88

The following persons have been inmates of the almshouse during the full year 1899 :

Elizabeth Hudson, William C. Hayden.
John L. Morey, Edgar Harris, minor.
Hester Harris, minor.
John J. Lothrop, boarder.

The following persons have been inmates of the almshouse during a portion of 1899, only :

Albert H. Burdick, Jane B. Lambert,
Amiel Studley, Mrs. Peter Paulson and infant,
Michael Sweeney, William F. Harris, boarder.

NUMBER OF TRAMPS LODGED.

January	115	May	63	September	19
February	64	June	22	October	24
March	86	July	15	November	52
April	94	August	16	December	49
Total for 1899					619

ASSISTANCE RENDERED OUTSIDE THE ALMS-HOUSE.

DURING THE YEAR 1899.

Three children of Anthony Anderson.

Paid Marianna Anderson on account board		$180 00

Emma Barnes and family.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$60 00	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., professional attendance	8 75	
Tower Bros. & Co., fuel	6 75	
		$75 50

Southward Pratt.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$130 00	
Philander Bates, boots	3 40	
		$133 40

Mary McGrath and two children.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$60 00	
William F. Thayer & Son, meats (1898)	16 57	
Herbert E. Fernald, M. D., professional attendance	4 00	
Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., professional attendance	11 00	

Paid Philander Bates, boots .	$11 97	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	3 75	
		$107 29

Mrs. George Damon and child.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$204 00	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., professional attendance .	20 00	
		$224 00

Ephraim Battles and wife.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$307 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	17 21	
		$324 21

Carrie A. Litchfield.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer for support of child		$30 00

Antoine Vargus, Jr., and family.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$34 60	
Daniel J. Bates, house-rent	20 00	
Estate W. A. Taylor, house-rent	36 00	
Aaron Pratt, house-rent .	18 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	24 44	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	6 06	
Philander Bates, boots .	5 15	
Cohasset Clothing Co., clothing . . .	6 25	
Charles B. Bridgham, M.D., professional attendance .	8 50	
Herbert E. Fernald, M. D., professional attendance .	1 75	
		$160 75

Louis J. Frates and family.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$156 61	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., professional attendance	42 50	
Herbert E. Fernald, M. D., professional attendance	15 50	
Mary Frates, house-rent	17 00	
Daniel J. Bates, house-rent	20 00	
Sarah McCormack, house-rent	25 00	
John W. Bates, moving furniture	5 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal	31 90	
Philander Bates, boots	9 45	
Frank W. Brown, medicine	6 15	
William F. Thayer & Son, meat	11 36	
Almshouse, wood	7 50	
		$347 97

Joseph E. Smith and son.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$128 68	
Lot W. Bates, house-rent	40 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal	18 55	
Charles H. Hackett, wood	5 00	
Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., professional attendance	10 00	
		$202 23

Mrs. Henry Morris, Mrs. John Burbank and child.

Paid order on Town Treasurer	$20 00	
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	127 47	

Paid Samuel E. Pratt, milk .	$14 00	
George K. Nickerson, meats	27 72	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., professional attendance .	25 50	
Lot. W. Bates, house rent .	40 00	
Philander Bates, boots .	8 25	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	24 37	
Warren F. Snow, burial of Mrs. Morris . . .	33 00	
A. Bradford Litchfield, burial of Mrs. Morris .	3 00	
Edwin Bates, wood . .	22 50	
Almshouse, wood . .	9 00	
		$354 81

John F. Murphy.

Paid Levi T. Lincoln, care in sickness . .	$14 00

Mrs. John M. Smith.

Paid Herbert E. Fernald, professional attendance	$83 25

Mrs. John J. Ainslie and child.

Paid Antoine J. Sylvia, agent, house rent . . .	$88 00	
Herbert E. Fernald, M. D., professional attendance .	16 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal and wood . . .	23 15	
Philander Bates, boots .	13 05	
Gross & Nichols, groceries	2 00	
		$142 20

Mrs. George Munnies.

Paid Oliver Howe, M. D., professional attendance	$7 00

Thomas A. Tower and family.

Paid Warren F. Snow, burial of daughter . . .	$19 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	14 00	
		$33 00

Joseph F. Bandura and family.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		$150 00

Gertrude Carlson.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$59 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	3 62	
		$62 62

Rose A. Burgess.

Paid Medfield Insane Asylum, board . .	$146 00

Johanna Colbrith.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board . .	$78 66

William Dean.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board . .	$169 46

Lawrence E. Willard.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board . .	$169 46

Elizabeth J. Dady.

Paid Worcester Insane Hospital, board . .	$169 45

Julia Macomber.

Paid Worcester Insane Hospital, board . .	$169 48

George B. Williams.

Paid Commonwealth, board	$146 00

Margaret Donovan.

Paid City of Boston, aid rendered . .	$34 00

William H. Litchfield and family.

Paid Stoddard & Damon, groceries	$117 75	
Lincoln Bros., coal and wood	39 34	
Emeline A. Jacobs, house rent	60 00	
Philander Bates, boots .	4 20	
		$221 29

Bridget Donovan.

Paid City of Boston, aid rendered . .		$43 03

Henry L. Bates and family.

Paid City of Boston, hospital treatment, 2 children .	$116 00	
Town of Norwell, aid rendered	86 00	
Seth Foster, house rent .	60 00	
Philander Bates, boots .	2 00	
		$264 00

Abner N. Bates.

Paid Herbert E. Fernald, M. D., professional attendance .	$57 75	
Frank W. Browne, medicines	10 70	
Seaverns & Spear, groceries	55 50	
Frank W. Wheelwright, house rent . . .	50 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	17 00	
George K. Nickerson, meats	16 96	
		$207 91

Mrs. Mary Frates.

Paid order on Town Treasurer .	$15 00	

Paid Anthony C. Frates, board	$34 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal, etc.	19 97	
Charles Anderson, house rent	12 00	
		$80 97

Andrew Aspero.

Paid Warren F. Snow, undertaker . .		$30 00

William J. McMinnemin and family.

Paid Frank E. Winslow, groceries, etc. . . .	$37 16	
Philander Bates, boots, etc.	7 20	
Cohasset Clothing Co., pants	1 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	3 50	
		$48 86

Mrs. Patrick Lyons.

Paid Lincoln Bros., coal		$30 31

Caleb S. Beal and wife.

Paid orders on the Town Treasurer . .		$21 00

Mrs. Mary DeMello and child.

Paid Tower Bros. & Co., coal and groceries . .	$31 85	
Philander Bates, boots .	2 00	
		$33 85

Peter Paulson and family.

Paid Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	$4 10	
Philander Bates, boots .	2 50	
		$6 60

Joseph J. Sylvia and family.

Paid orders on the Town Treasurer . .		$37 00

Mrs. William Dean and family.

Paid orders on the Town Treasurer . . .		$15 00

Stephen Wigmore and family.

Paid Herbert E. Fernald, M. D., professional attendance .	$71 50	
Mary Rhoderick, nursing .	3 00	
Frank W. Browne, medicines	2 00	
Loring Bates, house-rent .	8 00	
Joseph St. John, groceries	10 00	
Gross & Nichols, groceries	7 00	
Philander Bates, shoes .	5 75	
		$107 25

Edith Taylor.

Paid Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., professional attendance		60 50

Mrs. Caroline Sylvia

Paid Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., professional attendance		$47 50

Frank E. Salvador.

Paid Herbert E. Fernald, M. D., professional attendance in 1897		$40 00

Rose Andrews and Mary I. Violante.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$150 32	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	11 29	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	8 00	
		$169 61

Overseers.

Paid Philander Bates, services and expenses . .	$59 70	

Paid Joseph S. Bigelow, services and expenses . .	$10 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses .	35 00	
		$104 70
Total amount of outside payments .		$5,284 12

Of the above named persons who have received assistance during the year 1899—the following have been inmates of State institutions, viz:—

William Dean at Taunton Lunatic Hospital.
Lawrence E. Willard at Taunton Lunatic Hospital.
Johanna Colbrith at Taunton Lunatic Hospital.
Elizabeth J. Dady at Worcester Lunatic Hospital.
Julia Macomber at Worcester Lunatic Hospital.
Rose A. Burgess at Medfield Lunatic Hospital.
George B. Williams at State Almshouse.

Of the above, Johanna Colbrith and George B. Williams have died during the year.

POOR ACCOUNT OUTSIDE CREDITS.

Amount due from City of Boston	$203 46	
City of Cambridge . .	48 86	
Town of Hingham . .	190 75	
Town of Scituate . .	224 00	
Charles H. Willard . .	169 46	
Frank E. Salvador . .	40 00	
		$876 53
Outside debit brought forward .	$5,284 12	
credit brought forward .	876 53	
Net amount outside assistance . . .		$4,407 59

SUMMARY—OVERSEERS OF POOR ACCOUNT.

Almshouse balance . . .	$1,782 88	
Outside balance . . .	4,407 59	
Net cost for support and relief of poor		$6,190 47

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES,
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,

Overseers of the Poor.

Cohasset, Dec. 31, 1899.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

At the suggestion of the State Board of Health a circular notice, "Small-Pox and Vacinnation" was mailed to every family in town early in July, in which extracts from the Public Statutes bearing upon the subjects of vaccinnation, the duties of householders in case of the appearance of any infectious or contagious disease in their families, and the penalties imposed for the non-compliance of the requirements of the law were clearly presented, and it is hoped that they were generally read and the instructions observed. From the fact that this town has been free for a great many years from small-pox, our sensibilities to the importance of taking at all times such precautions as may be within our reach to guard against its approach should not be blunted, and especially at a time when cases are occasionally reported as existing not far distant from us.

During the spring and early summer months the measles has visited most of the families, especially those in the centre of the town where children could be found, and two hundred and eleven cases were reported to this board between February 27th and July 8th, the greatest number, one hundred and thirty-two, having been reported in April. No fatality occurred among this large number of cases, neither was there a case of any other contagious disease reported during the year.

A few expenditures were made by this board during the year, and they are embraced in the report of the Selectmen.

REPORT OF THE

TOWN TREASURER,

TOGETHER WITH THE

Reports of the Librarian and Treasurer of the Free Public Library.

ALSO REPORTS OF THE

AUDITOR, SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS, AND BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

Dr. TOWN OF COHASSET in account

1899—1900.

To paid Selectmen's orders for 1899 to date	$50,714	80
State and Military aid	796	00
School appropriation, 1899	13,000	00
Dog license money and interest of Ripley fund for school account	311	46
Abatement of taxes by Assessors	407	28
State of Massachusetts tax 1899	3,105	00
County of Norfolk, tax 1899	4,928	57
State Treasurer, one-fourth part of sixth class liquor license		25
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Note due 1899	3,400	00
Cohasset Savings Bank, Osgood school house note due 1899	3,000	00
Cohasset Savings Bank, account, bridge note	1,000	00
Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money, 1899 in full	3,000	00
The Atlas National Bank, hired money, 1899 in full	38,000	00
Interest on Town's notes, 1899	3,198	37
St. Stephen's Parish, money for land held on deposit, for Free Public Library account,	2,000	00
	$126,861	73
Balance in treasury carried forward	14,864	26
	$141,725	99

COHASSET, January, 1900.

With ABRAHAM H. TOWER, Treasurer. Cr.

1899 — 1900.

By balance in treasury from previous account	$11,346 75	
Less orders omitted and paid after report had gone to printer	425 55	
Making true balance		$10,921 20
Corporation tax, 1998, additional		2,398 90
National Bank tax, 1898, additional		410 56
Corporation tax, 1899		19,582 02
National Bank tax, 1899		1,906 37
State and Military aid, 1899		663 00
State Pauper account, 1899		72 57
State highway loan fund		1,923 07
Norfolk County, dog license, 1898		271 06
Norfolk County, award Border street widening		1,905 00
City of Boston account, 1898		185 03
Town of Hingham account, 1898		103 85
Town of Scituate account, 1898		224 48
Joseph S. Bigelow for work, Border street		41 25
Wm. T. Tilden, janitor, income Town Hall		318 50
Peddlers' licenses, (2)		16 00
James S. Beal, auctioneer's license		2 00
Wm. F. Thayer & Son, slaughter license		1 00
Frank E. Winslow, slaughter license		1 00
Frank W. Browne, sixth class license		1 00
Manuel S. Leonard, Jr., plumber's license		50
East Norfolk District Court, fines, fees, etc.		35 22
Moore & Co., account Jerusalem road		100 00
Buffalo Pitts Co., cash discount on steam roller		82 50
John J. Ferara, for stone		10 00
Joseph L. Enos, for deed in full with interest		632 40
Interest on Bank deposits 1899		124 67
Interest on collection of delinquent taxes		272 78
Interest of Ripley fund, 1899		40 40
A.H. Tower, trustee for board of J.J.Lothrop, at Almshouse		136 04
Wm. F. Harris, board at Almshouse		181 00
Almshouse, sales and work		275 25
Sarah McCormack, pasture rent		10 00
Free Public Library, fuel, light, etc		100 00
George W. Pratt, heater from Town Hall		2 75
Five poll taxes additional in 1898 and 1899		10 00
St. Stephen's Parish for deed of land		2,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money in 1899		3,000 00
The Atlas National Bank, hired money 1899		38,000 00
Assessors' Tax list, 1899		55,764 62
		$141,725 99

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The library has been opened every library day with the exception of four legal holidays. There have been added to the library during the year, 375 volumes, of which 118 have been by gift, 221 by purchase, and 36 by the binding of periodicals. The number of books now in the library including government reports and pamphlets is 6,624.

The number of books and magazines issued was 9,739.

The largest number of volumes given out on one day was 151 on March 25, and the smallest number was 20 on December 16. Gifts of books and pamphlets have been received from Rev. William R. Cole, Mr. Warren L. Tower, Mr. Louis T. Cushing, Mr. A. K. Tilden, Miss S. L. Stoddard, Thomas Lothrop Chapter D. A. R., American Unitarian Association, the "New Church," and from the state and government.

For the reading room periodicals have been received from the Cohasset W. C. T. U., The Woman's Journal, Boston, The L. A. W. Bulletin and the Thomas Lothrop Chapter, Cohasset.

Among the gifts worthy of special mention is a complete set of The War of the Rebellion, Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, comprising more than 100 volumes, the gift of Mr. A. K. Tilden.

Classification of reading by subjects:

History and Biography	337
Travels and Geography	185
Literature and Poetry	91
Science and Art	59
Agricultural and Natural History	22
Religion and Philosophy	25
Magazines	1,149
Fiction	7,871
	9,739

SARAH B COLLIER, *Librarian.*

Dr. COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY in account with A. H. TOWER, Treasurer. Cr.

1899—1900.		1899—1900.	
To paid for new books, as per bills	$109 94	By balance from former account	$43 13
Appropriation for books ordered,	150 00	Town's appropriation, 1899	850 00
Magazines and periodicals	54 70	Ladies' Charitable Society, rent	10 00
For binding of books, etc.	54 02	"Marion Cheever" fund, withdrawn from bank	30 00
Incidental bills, freight, etc.	12 76	Librarian receipts for cards, fines, etc.	17 18
Stock and work for alterations and repairs	37 13		
Selectmen for fuel, lights, etc.	100 00		
Scientific books, "Marion Cheever" fund	32 36		
Expenditures by librarian	7 46		
Sarah B. Collier, librarian, salary	350 00		
Balance carried forward	41 94		
	$950 31		$950 31

January, 1900.

A. H. TOWER, *Treasurer.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the several accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Superintendent of Streets, School Committee and Fire Engineers for 1899, and find as follows :—

TREASURERS RECEIPTS 1899.

Balance in treasury from 1898 .	$10,921 20	
Sundry amounts received . .	34,040 17	
Hired money, 1899 . . .	41,000 00	
Tax list, 1899 . . .	55,764 62	
		$141,725 99

PAYMENTS.

Amount of Selectmen's orders .	$72,951 65	
School account, additional items	311 46	
Town notes, due 1899 . .	7,400 00	
Hired money temporary 1899 .	41,000 00	
Interest on notes, etc. . .	3,198 37	
State of Massachussetts, share license money . .	25	
Money on deposit for Public Library . . .	2,000 00	
Balance in treasury . . .	14,864 26	
		$141,725 99

WENTWORTH J. EARLE,

Auditor.

COHASSET, February 5, 1900.

REPORT

of the

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Board of Selectmen: —

GENTLEMEN, — The work of caring for and repairing the streets the past year has required more attention and expense than any previous year in the town's history, in consequence of the damage done by the storm in November, 1898, by which our beach roads were practically destroyed, and other roads badly washed and fences carried away. The work of restoring the roads over the beaches was commenced in January and continued as the weather permitted until the work was completed. The Sandy Beach road costing about $1,500. Pleasant Beach, $4,300, and Black Rock or Lincoln Beach, $1,100. The other places requiring extra repairs were Border street at bridge, near residence of Thomas D. Blossom, and from the Iron Bridge to junction of Summer and Elm streets. At the bridge, junction of Elm and Summer streets, the wall required to be relaid on both sides, and on the west side considerable filling was needed. Nichols avenue at the bridge, easterly end of the avenue, the easterly side of the road at foot of Black Rock hill and at Crane's corner on Atlantic avenue. The expense on Pleasant and Black Rock beach was very much lessened by being able to procure stone of the contractors who laid the water pipe extension on Jerusalem road an agreement having been made with the

superintendent of the water company, before the work commenced to remove all the stone not needed by the contractors. The amount expended for these extra repairs upon Beach and other roads would exceed $8,000, special work was done at hill near residence of S. S. Spaulding on Jerusalem road and at bridge on Beechwood street. General repairs on all other streets.

Another section of the State road has been built at a considerable cost to the town, as it is impossible to make the cuts in our clay and gravel roads for the amount allowed by the State Highway Commission. The state has made two payments and there is still a balance due the town, so the actual cost to the town cannot be shown at this time. One thing every one admits, we have as fine a piece of State road as can be found in this vicinity. The removal of snow from streets and sidewalks the past year has been more expensive than ever before, as in one of the storms the streets had to be shoveled almost their entire length. An agreement was made with the contractors laying the water pipe on Jerusalem road to care for the trench and see that all holes were promptly filled for a period of six months after their work was completed for one hundred dollars. This amount is credited to highway account. For the ensuing year I would recommend the sum of ten thousand dollars for repairs of streets and sidewalks, as extra repairs will have to be made on Jerusalem road along the line of the water pipe trench and the westerly end near the Pope Memorial Church. A ledge near the residence of the late Charles J. Fox on Atlantic avenue needs to be blasted, and one or two other places need special work. The following is a statement of amounts paid for labor, teaming, crushed stone and gravel for the year ending Dec. 31, 1899 :—

Appropriation	$12,000 00
Received from Moore & Co. . . .	100 00
" " John J. Farera for stone . .	10 00
	$12,110 00

Philander Bates, balance due 1898	$335 87
George W. Mealy, team,	208 00
William W. Bates, team .	147 97
Manuel S. Leonard, team,	219 29
Waldo C. Lock, team .	99 05
George Jason, team .	385 68
Estate Frank Pearson, team	34 12
Joseph Jason, team . .	295 99
Thomas W. Whitcomb, team	109 00
Benjamin F. Morse, team .	164 25
C. W. Gammon, trustee, team and gravel . .	885 41
Arthur Mulvey, team, gravel and stone . .	1,234 34
Fred G. James, team .	153 75
Elmer E. Bates, team .	74 75
Frank W. Wheelwright, team	99 00
George W. Groce, team .	75 00
Cohasset Livery Stable, team	80 50
Estate C. F. B. Tilden, team	81 25
Oliver H. Bates, team .	110 90
Estate of Alden Beal, team	129 85
Thomas Loney, team .	156 08
Joseph F. Silvia, team .	171 49
Louis T. Cushing, team .	87 50

Paid John W. Bates, team .	$71 66
Estates James O'Brien, team	107 34
William Mulvey, team .	383 72
Edwin Bates, team . .	46 50
Edwin W. Bates, team .	70 85
Horace J. Damon, team .	79 25
Joseph W. Whitcomb, team	55 10
Frank Stoddard, team .	117 85
Ira B. Pratt, team . .	40 60
Edward L. Stevens, team,	29 37
Levi Lincoln, team . .	6 00
Wentworth J. Earle, team	77 62
John Leonard, team .	57 55
John Kennedy, labor .	85 28
Thomas D. Blossom, labor	5 70
Charles Anderson, labor .	8 00
John Flemming, labor .	66 00
Joseph Frates, labor .	61 55
Antoine E. Salvedor, labor	166 00
Andrew H. Prouty, labor	82 50
Leonard A. Wilbur, labor	12 00
George E. Antoine, labor .	42 00
Richard Caddan, labor .	132 78
Harry W. Burbank, labor	124 28
Samuel L. Williams, labor	75 00
Joseph F. Priest, labor .	107 25
Thomas Mulcahay, labor .	14 00
John H. Wilbur, labor .	108 00
James O. McCormack, labor	71 00
Manuel R. Silvia, labor .	410 11
George M. Ennice, labor .	156 50
Alson S. Richardson, labor	128 35
James Lean, labor . .	74 55

Paid Charles L. Kittrell, labor .	$32 67
Stephen Reilly, labor .	355 62
Paul J. Armes, labor .	95 28
Ellery C. Bates, labor .	33 00
William B. Taylor, labor .	45 50
William Smith, labor .	110 70
Daniel Golden, labor .	15 00
John Mulcahy, labor .	13 00
Carl Wessman, labor .	4 00
Fred Almeida, labor .	5 50
LewisL.Wheelwright,labor	18 00
Orlando Curtis, labor .	20 00
William O'Keefe, labor .	60 00
Anthony C. Frates, labor .	4 00
Manuel Grassie, labor .	102 80
Cyrus R. Keene, labor .	11 85
Charles J. McCarthy, labor	39 00
Oren A. Beal, labor . .	4 37
J. Loring Litchfield, labor	2 50
Joseph E. Grassie, labor .	33 62
James Sweeney, labor .	7 25
John W. Hunt, labor .	6 50
James D. Lincoln, labor .	20 00
Manuel Almeida, labor .	4 00
George Ainslaie, labor .	3 75
William Ainslaie, labor .	5 00
Alden Bates, labor . .	5 00
John Frates, labor . .	6 00
Sanford L. Damon, labor .	37 00
A. B. Litchfield, labor .	2 00
Elijah F. Lincoln, labor .	39 60
Ira N. Pratt, labor . .	30 00
George F. Sargent, labor .	74 50
Charles H. Hackett, labor	14 00
Mark McCormack, labor .	27 00

Paid Clarence Studley, labor .	$21 30
Peter E. Rooney, labor .	16 00
Edmund M. Cronican, labor	12 75
Joseph A. Antoine, labor .	38 00
Joseph J. Grassie, labor .	49 78
Manuel E. Salvedor, labor	43 28
Frank F. Martin, Jr., labor	38 50
Thomas L. Grassie, labor .	41 28
Charles J. Silvia, labor .	14 78
Frank E. Salvedor, labor .	11 00
John E. Frates, labor .	14 78
Antoine Figuerido, labor .	15 78
James Rooney, labor .	11 00
John J. Grassie, labor .	22 78
Manuel L. Botaylio, labor .	19 00
Manuel P. Valine, Jr., labor	13 80
Joseph A. Silvia, labor .	41 28
Otis V. Barnes, labor .	72 78
Nathaniel R. Prouty, labor	53 20
William Lee, labor . .	80 76
James Dalton, labor . .	56 78
George Montairo, labor .	44 00
Frank J. Antoine, labor .	44 00
John E. F. Frates, labor .	56 00
John T. Keating, labor .	34 00
Manuel F. Silvia, labor .	34 00
Thomas Grassie, labor .	21 00
Foster Cadose, labor .	23 50
Frank D. Grassie, labor .	14 78
Philander Bates, Supt., Jan. 1, 1899, to Jan. 1, 1900	800 00
Philander Bates, sundry bills	7 42
Ames Plow Co., scraper .	6 00
John Beal, steam hoister and stone . . .	233 41

Paid J. Johnson, agent, gravel .	$23 12	
Charles E. McKensie, smithing	122 15	
Charles Wilson, stone curbing and capping . .	301 38	
George Sampson, repair battery	1 40	
Gross & Nichols, rendrock and fuse . . .	19 24	
William L. Parker, gravel	39 75	
M. Donahoe, smithing .	23 94	
Tower Bros. & Co., drain pipe, lumber, etc. .	421 59	
George L. Davenport, stone	7 50	
Charles F. Tilden, smithing	180 12	
Allen C. Bates, tools .	14 60	
Moore & Co., rendrock .	6 66	
N. Y., N. H. & H.R. Road, freight	60 26	
Susannah L. Stoddard, tools	7 28	
D. P. Sylvester, setting glass	1 25	
Harold R. West, rendrock	51	
Lot W. Bates, gravel .	8 85	
Aaron Pratt, gravel . .	12 56	
Isaiah Lincoln, labor and gravel	21 60	
Amount expended		$13,012 19

STATE ROAD.

Paid Fred G. James, team and labor . . .	$208 17	

Paid Benjamin F. Morse, team and labor . . .	$153 82
John W. Bates, team .	22 75
Thomas W. Whitcomb, team	4 50
Frank W. Wheelwright, team . . .	16 25
George W. Mealey, labor .	47 12
Waldo C. Locke, team .	56 87
Russell Bates, team . .	60 12
Louis T. Cushing, team .	52 50
Mrs. J. O'Brien, team .	34 12
Oliver H. Bates, team .	13 50
Est. C. F. B. Tilden, team	68 50
Patrick Keefe, labor .	112 14
George W. Morse, labor .	37 48
John W. Frates, labor .	58 32
Fred Almeida, labor .	63 57
Nathaniel R. Prouty, labor	36 75
Charles E. Tyrer, labor .	103 38
Harry W. Burbank, labor	32 66
Paul J. Armes, labor .	52 20
Cyrus W. Wood, labor .	91 58
James O. McCormack, labor	102 08
George A. Henry, labor .	51 32
James M. Keating, labor .	80 20
Daniel F. O'Brien, labor .	50 16
Edmund M. Cronican, labor	83 41
William O'Keefe, labor .	101 20
Charles Gale, labor . .	17 49
John H. Wilbur, labor .	84 87
Thomas O'Keefe, labor .	32 95
Joseph Frates, labor .	22 45
Levi E. Tower, labor .	37 03
William White, labor .	28 28
Lorenzo Beal, labor . .	55 12

Paid William Lee, labor . .	$31 49	
Mathew Markwick, labor .	31 49	
Antoine Vargus, labor .	33 24	
Ansel P. Thayer, labor .	15 75	
Samuel L. Williams, labor,	36 75	
Antoine E. Salvedor, labor,	10 00	
Patrick Downs, labor .	3 50	
George M. Ennice, labor .	6 00	
Frank M. Nichols, smithing	38 75	
Arthur Mulvey, stone and gravel	800 00	
Charles W. Gammons, trustee, stone and gravel	16 75	
Charles Wilson, stone .	53 95	
Lincoln Bro., coal . .	54 91	
Charles F. Tilden, smithing	14 86	
Stephen Reilly, engineer .	96 25	
Gross & Nichols, rendrock and fuse . . .	12 96	
Allen C. Bates, picks, etc.	20 70	
Tower Bro. & Co., drain pipe, cement . .	109 71	
Amount expended . .		$3,459 92

AMOUNTS PAID FOR REMOVING SNOW FROM STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

George L. Litchfield .	$4 75	Herbert E. Smith . .	$1 50
J. Loring Litchfield . .	9 94	James A. McDonald .	2 25
John J. Farerar . . .	50	George Montairo . .	8 75
Manuel Silva, 3d . . .	3 00	Charles J. Silva . . .	6 00
Will B. Hunt	1 25	Andrew H. Prouty . .	8 50
John Flemming . . .	13 25	William W. Studley . .	8 00

Abraham S. Enos	$1 20	William H. Pratt	$5 12
Joseph L. Leonard	3 90	S. Chester Pratt	16 87
William L. Pierce	6 75	W. McArthur	3 00
John Wholly	1 80	T. Ross	4 00
William H. Quinn	3 75	S. H. Stoughton	4 00
Michael Wholly	2 75	M. R. McQuamer	1 12
Charles H. Quinn, Jr.	2 25	Harry R. Pratt	8 50
Henry Lincoln	2 25	Herbert Sargent	2 10
L. Lincoln Worrick	16 75	David Damon	45
Patrick Keefe	10 25	Oscar Vargus	1 20
Harry H. White	9 50	John Munnies	1 20
William White	9 25	Harry Wood	2 08
Charles Gale	3 00	Alfred Pratt	1 20
Charles B. Cushing	2 75	John Pratt	1 20
Robert L. Cushing	2 75	Willie Smith	2 23
R. W. Cushing	1 65	Walter Bates	2 55
Thomas F. Kinsley	5 25	Andrew J. Arnold	4 37
John F. Murphy	7 25	William P. Arnold	1 25
George H. Munnies	5 75	Antoine Vargus	4 25
Frank Beiler	50	L. A. Litchfield	4 87
Levi Lincoln	50	W. T. Litchfield	4 12
Elmer E. Bates	28 51	Manuel A. Silva	3 87
Anthony C. Frates	4 25	Frank Mitchell	7 50
L. L. Wheelwright	8 75	Theodore Mathers	4 62
T. W. Whitcomb	3 25	Frank Stoddard	6 00
Samuel E. Pratt	43 75	Robert L. Curtis	2 50
M. Markwick	6 50	Horace J. Damon	4 00
George F. Munnies	5 50	M. Markwick Jr.	3 75
Ashael F. Nott	4 25	S. V. Hardwick	3 25
Manuel Almeida	3 75	William J. Ainslaie	3 62
Fred Almeida	3 75	Antone Farerar	3 75
Edward Gardner	4 50	Geo. W. Pratt	2 50
John W. Bates	5 62	Charles H. Hackett	11 00
Waldo C. Locke	4 00	J. W. Whitcomb	7 00
Osborn Wood	6 50	Ira N. Pratt	3 75
Anthony J. Smith	5 63	S. L. Damon	3 50
William W. Bates	4 00	John A. Silva	1 75

Geo. F. Sargent	$6	00	
A. J. Antoine	5	25	
W. J. Coombs	6	00	
Thomas A. Bates	4	50	
Abner N. Bates	1	75	
Thomas L. Bates	40	65	
Russell B. Murray	40	25	
William Mulvey	2	50	
George A. Morse	5	00	
W. J. Earle	7	75	
M. McCarty	7	75	
John W. Hunt	7	75	
Richard Caddan	12	25	
Geo. E. W. Ide	2	00	
Charles V. Barnes	10	00	
Patrick Donahue	11	25	
Thomas Keefe	11	25	
James Henry	22	00	
George Henry	12	00	
Harry Henry	15	25	
William Keefe	12	25	
John H. Wilbur	9	00	
Henry E. Sweeney	2	25	
George W. Morse	7	75	
Benj. F. Morse	12	10	
Ansel P. Thayer	5	00	
John H. Cook	17	25	
Clement Bates	1	35	
John W. Frates	2	00	
Frederic L. Lincoln	3	00	
Harry Donovan	2	07	
Daniel Donovan	1	63	
Harry Reed	1	57	
Stephen Reilly	8	25	
Antone Peter	2	13	
Eddie Reilly	2	25	
Samuel Nichols	2	00	
Samuel Nichols, 2nd	$3	50	
Otis S. Wilbur	1	50	
Fred Wilbur	1	50	
Leonard Wilbur	1	25	
William H. Bates, Jr.	1	25	
Louis Mulvey	1	63	
William Mulvey	11	38	
David Souther	5	00	
William O. Souther	38	13	
William O. Souther, Jr.	8	13	
Frederic G. James	5	63	
Arthur S. Bates	9	25	
George Jason	14	13	
James O. McCormack	8	50	
Samuel G. James	7	00	
Samuel F. James	6	38	
Samuel L. Williams	8	75	
Elmer Williams	7	75	
William H. Bates	5	75	
Herbert Bates	6	25	
Harry W. Burbank	8	13	
Henry Williams	2	75	
Burleigh Bates	2	00	
Henry Stoddard	1	88	
Manuel P. Valine	1	00	
John E. F. Frates	9	00	
Charles Silva	6	55	
Joseph Frates	7	75	
Joseph F. Silva	7	75	
Clarence Silva	1	00	
Joseph J. Grassie	12	50	
Thomas Rich		75	
John J. Grassie	1	00	
Albert Grassie	8	00	
Manuel Grassie	6	62	
George P. Neagle	3	00	
Joseph M. Silva	1	00	

Antone Silva	$7 25
John Silva	6 00
Manuel S. Thomas	1 00
Fred C. Blossom	6 25
Levi Cadose	7 00
Thomas Grassie	5 25
John E. Frates	7 50
Manuel L. Botaelyo	6 87
Frank Silva	4 75
Henry E. Brennock	4 00
Clarence Studley	10 75
John T. Keating	13 50
Sylvanus I. Tower	1 05
William Morris	6 00
Joseph Jason	128 74
Joseph Jason, Jr.	14 50
John Kennedy	9 50
Thomas L. Grassie	12 50
Frank F. Martin, Jr.	13 00
Frank D. Grassie	8 25
Joseph E. Grassie	12 50
John Hughes	8 00
John Gillis	9 25
Frank F. Antoine	7 00
William J. Brennock	7 00
Frank A. Willcutt	7 00
Wallace Willcutt	7 00
John Pearson	7 00
Joseph S. Enos	7 62
Albert Morris, Jr.	7 00
George Morris	1 35
William McNamara	7 00
Frank Sydney	6 25
George E. Denethorne	2 50
James Wilson	6 00
Charles Wilson	1 25
Charles B. Pratt	2 25
George Jason, Jr.	$8 60
Frank McMahon	4 80
John Oliver	3 60
Manuel P. Valine, Jr.	12 75
Frank Oliver	1 35
Edward Hunt	6 00
Fred Lincoln	6 00
Harry Lincoln	6 00
John M. Damon	2 25
Henry R. Nickerson	4 75
Royal Bates	6 00
Clarence Sylvester	2 00
John E. Grassie	7 00
Manuel A. Grassie	7 00
Manuel Silvia, 3d	8 50
Joseph Silvia	2 50
Antone Figuerido	7 00
Foster Cadose	7 00
Charles Frates	5 60
Charles Anderson	5 50
Frank Brown	5 80
Daniel O'Brien	9 75
Eddie Jason	2 25
Joseph Brennock	60
James W. Holland	4 25
Joseph D. Hutchinson	3 00
Joe Mannix	75
Willie Grassie	75
Frank J. Salvador	2 10
Norman Studley	37
Ambrose Francis	1 05
Walter McGrath	1 87
Guy Westgate	7 62
Israel C. Vinal	5 37
Joseph Rogers	1 62
Manuel S. Almas	5 75
Charles B. Hayden	87

Willie Rooney	$2 40	S. Dyment	$4 25
Edward L. Stevens	3 75	Raymond Tirrell	4 00
Frank E. Salvador	6 75	John Dyment	4 25
George F. Higgins	1 62	Alvin Dyment	4 25
Charles B. Wood	1 62	Richard Gardner	4 25
Arthur O. Wood	97	Robert Dyment	2 50
Fred Valine	2 00	Walter Dyment	3 50
Clarence Silva	5 50	Franklin Beal	4 25
John Silva	6 50	William B. Taylor	2 25
Dennis Goldin	6 25	Charles Hunter	4 00
Harry Rooney	2 10	Samuel S. Vickery	4 00
Joseph Pearson	3 25	Charles Whynot	4 00
Joseph Donovan	1 95	Antone Sydney	4 75
Harry A. Rais	3 25	Nathaniel R. Prouty	5 75
William H. McGaw	6 25	William St. John	8 00
Charles J. McCarty	6 00	Joseph H. Wilson	3 75
George Silva	75	Evans J. Evans	3 75
Manuel E. Salvador	6 75	Alban D. Gillis	5 00
C. S. McGaw	5 25	Augustus S. Burgess	6 75
Paul J. Armes	5 50	John F. Smith	3 25
Nathaniel W. Treat	4 87	Lewis Bates	4 37
Joseph A. Silva	4 50	Gordon Smith	3 50
Thomas Cook	4 50	Henry Brunden	6 50
Frank J. Antoine	5 50	John Tower	1 00
Alson S. Richardson	10 80	John Sullivan	6 62
Joseph F. Priest	2 38	Daniel Sullivan	4 00
Patrick Bergan	4 50	Benjamin F. Crane	4 00
Frederic Griffin	4 26	Ray M. Souther	4 75
John Manuel	5 63	Daniel Desmond	2 00
Frank Lean	6 38	Michael Burke	5 75
Edward Morse	6 38	Joseph O'Brien	4 75
Edgar McNeil	6 38	Edmund M. Cronican	8 75
Charles V. Antoine	2 25	Mathew Mulhern	5 75
Charles L. Kittrell	5 00	William Lee	10 37
John Beal	2 75	David Lyons	6 25
Alfred West	6 38	Isaah H. Tower	5 25
Anslem Beal	5 63	James W. Sweeney	9 63

James Rooney	$9 25	John Daley	$2 47
Eleazer Macomber	9 25	Michael Haley	2 40
Thomas McKensie	9 00	James S. Cook	60
Russell Bates	5 75	John Sheridan	2 85
Enos F. Frates	7 75	John Veary	2 10
Peter E. Rooney	9 25	Amos W. Locke	3 38
Odin Towle	1 25	Thomas D. Blossom	2 25
James Dalton	7 00	Almshouse	40 25
Charles E. McKensie	5 62	Ellery C. Bates	1 50
Abraham Coburn	5 50	William Smith	5 75
Henry Keating	4 75	Frank A. Pearson	1 38
Thomas Keating	1 50	Henry	1 00
Albert F. Thayer	12 00	A. F. Thayer	8 75
Daniel Vining	1 50	James Sweeny	1 00
William J. McMinimin	4 25	Patrick Downs	2 25
Phillip Sullivan	2 25	Est. C. F. B. Tilden	147 75
Charles St. John	1 65	Charles F. Tilden	81 75
John Roderic	1 95	Timothy S. Gale	6 25
Joseph Sheridan	2 17	Theo Mathis	1 00
Herbert Smith	2 17	A. H. A. Seaverns	3 00
Edward Mulcahay	2 02		
George Mulhern	2 40	Total amount	$2,336 75
James Mulcahy	2 62		

Total amount expended on Highways and Sidewalks, State Road and Removing Snow $18,807 96

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES,

Supt.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Selectmen:—

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Engineers respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1899.:

The gentlemen appointed by you to constitute the Board of Engineers of the Fire department, for the year ending April 30, 1900, met at the house of Zaccheus Rich Hose Co. No. 1, on the evening of May 6th, 1899, and organized with the choice of officers as follows: Chief, H. E. Mapes; Assistant Chief, H. E. Brennock; Second Assistant Chief, A. S. Richardson; Clerk, George Jason.

There have been no important changes make in the department during the past year. The hand engine has been thoroughly overhauled and put in working order and is at present stored in the house of Ladder 1, at the harbor, ready for instant use if required, and the new hose recently purchased has been put in service on the apparatus. The new hydrants which have been placed on the Jerusalem Road during the past year have been tested and will afford excellent protection to property in that section in case of fire. The question of larger and more modern apparatus in that section of the town has long been considered necessary by the Board of Engineers and the locating of additional hydrants in that section leads us to recommend that the abandoned school building located on the Jerusalem Road be moved a short

distance across the street and placed on land owned or controlled by the town and such repairs and alterations made as will make it suitable to store a hose wagon similiar to the one now stationed at the harbor, which could be done at a small expense.

We would also recommend that the Jerusalem Road and Beechwood sections be equipped with fire alarm or telephone connections with the centre of the town for better protection in case of a serious fire.

The hand engine at the harbor has not been in active service for several years and as the department now has sufficient hose to reach nearly all sections of the town with the hydrant service, it is our opinion that the engine should be removed to the house of Ladder 2 in the Beechwood district, where it would be more liable to be called into service.

For the maintenance and operation of the department for the ensuing year we respectfully recommend and ask that the sum of $1,200.00 be raised and appropriated by the town at its annual meeting in March next.

H. E. MAPES,
H. E. BRENNOCK,
GEO. JASON,
A. B. LITCHFIELD,
A. S. RICHARDSON,
Board of Engineers.

FIRE RECORD.

March 22. Alarm at 8.50 P.M., for fire in house on Beechwood street, owned by the heirs of Mary Rose. Total loss.

March 25. Fire on roof of house on Beechwood street, owned by Mr. Frank Bela. Extinguished without an alarm. Damage, $5.00.

April 3. Alarm at 12.05 P.M., for fire in the woods near Columbia Broken Stone quarry.

April 7. Alarm at 12.05 P.M., for fire in woods in rear of Highland avenue.

April 15. Alarm at 1.05 P.M., for fire in the rear of residence of Dr. O. H. Howe on North Main street.

April 30. Alarm at 5.30 P. M., for fire in the rear of residence of L. Litchfield on South Main street.

May 2. Alarm at 1.15 A.M., for fire in residence of Mrs. Frates, off Beechwood street. Total loss.

May 5. Fire in old mill at "Turtle Island." Damage, $10.00.

June 4. Fire in woods on Doane street. Extinguished without an alarm.

July 4. Fire in fence near residence of the late C. F. Bennett. No alarm.

July 4. Fire in the awning attached to Post Office building. Slight damage; no alarm.

July 27. Fire in pile of ties and rubbish on James' Lane. No alarm.

August 25. Fire in house owned by P. C. Kimball, located on Jerusalem Road. Slight damage; no alarm.

September 6. Brush fire in rear of residence of G. K. Nickerson, South Main street. No alarm.

September 30. Alarm at 8.20 P.M., for fire in the house, owned by the estate of L. Jenkins, located at the harbor. Damage, $150.00.

October 22. Alarm at 4.30 P.M., for fire in the house, owned by the estate of Frank Pearson, on Margin street. Damage, $50.00.

December 1. Alarm at 1.10 P.M., for fire in barn on Beechwood street, owned by Matthew Markwich. Total loss.

Dec. 2. Alarm at 12.15 P.M., for fire on roof of house on Elm street, owned by Deborah A. Cousens. Damage, $15.00.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Hose No. 1.

A. J. Morris, salary as steward, one year to May 1, 1899 . . .	$40 00	
George Jason, horses to fire	5 00	
Estate of C. F. B. Tilden, horses to fire, cartage, etc.	30 75	
C. F. Tilden, repairs to wagon . . .	9 75	
S. D Tower, varnishing wagon	25 00	
Gross & Nichols, sundry supplies . . .	12 70	
Tower Bros., coal, wood, lumber, etc. . . .	51 46	
Estate of A. C. Bates, plumbing material and labor	3 54	
H. F. Tilden, horses to fire	5 00	
H. E. Brennock, labor on building . . .	16 25	
W. J. Brennock, labor on building . . .	1 00	
C. Callahan Co., washers .	1 66	
Cohasset Livery Stable, horses to fires . .	10 00	
Chandler & Barber, truss hangers for door . .	7 00	
T. A. Rich, Clerk, services of company at fires .	25 00	
A. H. Tower, Treasurer, fourteen poll taxes .	28 00	
		$272 11

LADDER No. 1.

Lincoln Bros., coal and wood. . . .	$8 13	
Cohasset Livery Stable, horses to fires . .	10 00	
Frank Jason, labor on truck	1 00	
J. Jason, horses to fires .	27 50	
G. E. Antoine, salary as steward 1 year to May 1, 1899	20 00	
Estate of C. F. B. Tilden, waste	50	
J. A. Valine, Clerk, services of company at fires	25 00	
S. D. Tower, varnishing truck	25 00	
Gross & Nichols, sundry supplies . . .	11 50	
Tower Bros., wood . .	3 83	
Hutchings & Pink, strap .	1 50	
H. E. Brennock, labor on building . . .	5 00	
C. Callahan Co., nozzle and brakeshoes . . .	2 33	
Cousens & Pratt, canvass for truck	3 00	
A. H. Tower, Treasurer, eleven poll taxes . .	22 00	
Total		$166 29

ENGINE No. 1.

Paid Lincoln Bros., coal and wood . . .	$25 04	

Paid Estate A. C. Bates, sundry supplies . . .	$22 50
F. C. Blossom, salary as steward six months to May 1, 1899 . .	15 00
Estate of C. F. B. Tilden, horses to fires, storage, etc.	36 60
G. W. Souther, Clerk, services of company at fires	10 00
S. R. Nichols, Clerk, services of company at fires	15 00
J. J. A. Pratt, repairs to building . . .	57 00
C. F. Tilden, repairs to engine . . .	9 00
H. E. Brennock, labor on engine	11 00
Fire Extinguisher Manufacturing Co., two polestrap hooks	3 50
I. L. Blossom, labor on two polestrap hooks . .	3 50
Gross & Nichols, matches .	10
W. J. Brennock, painting tin roof . . .	1 00
Hutchings & Pink, leather and labor . . .	3 28
H. F. Tilden, horses to fire	3 50
W. F. Low, packing .	2 53
C. Callahan Co., suction hose	47 27

Peid A. H. Tower, Treasurer, eleven poll taxes . .	$22 00	
Total		$287 82

LADDER NO. 2.

Frank Stoddard, repairing extinguisher . . .	$2 00	
S. E. Pratt, horses to fires	31 00	
L. A. Litchfield, salary as Steward five months to May 1, 1899 . .	10 00	
W. F. Litchfield, salary as Steward seven months to Jan. 1, 1900 . .	20 00	
Tower Bros., polish . .	50	
C. Callahan Co., two extinguishers . . .	32 00	
C. Callahan Co., one dozen bottles acid, . .	6 25	
Samuel Stoddard, Clerk, services of company at fires	10 00	
A. H. Tower, Treasurer, ten poll taxes . .	20 00	
Total	$131 75	

HOSE NO. 2.

James S. Beal, storage and care of reel, two years to Jan. 1, 1900 . .	$30 00	
A. H. Tower, Treasurer, two poll taxes . . .	4 00	
Total		$34 00

Miscellaneous.

Paid H. E. Brennock, polish . . .	$ 2 25
F. C. Blossom, glass for key boxes .	40
C. Callahan Co., one thousand feet hose .	400 00
W. J. Brennock, glass for key boxes and glazing	1 47
P. F. Brennock, watching fire . .	2 00
A. J. Morris, watching fire . . .	4 00
Matthew Markwich, watching fire . .	4 00
H. R. Pratt, watching fire . . .	2 00
H. C. Sargent, watching fire . . .	2 00
G. E. Ainesley, watching fire . .	2 00
David Souther, watching fire . . .	2 00
L. A. Litchfield, watching fire . .	2 00
T. L. Grassie, watching fire . . .	3 00
G. E. Antoine, watching fire . . .	3 00
H. L. McMahon, watching fire . .	3 00
John Kennedy, watching fire . . .	3 00
H. T. Litchfield, watching fire . .	2 00
J. W. Whitcomb, watching fire . .	4 00
Fred Almeda, services at fire . . .	2 50
Alfred Pratt, services at fire . . .	3 00
J. J. Pratt, watching fire . . .	2 00
H. E. Mapes, Chief, express and freight paid	5 25
W. J. Brennock, services, July 4, 1899 .	3 00
Frank Jason, services, July 4, 1899 .	3 00
T. A. Tower, services, July 4, 1899 .	3 00
Estate of C. F. B. Tilden, cartage on hose	75
Frank Jason, cartage on hose . . .	1 25
C. F. Tilden, small repairs . . .	1 15
Walworth Manf'g Co., polish . . .	1 60
H. F. Tilden, polish and cartage . .	1 80

Paid J. E. Grassie, sundry supplies . .	$1 90
Total	$472 32

ENGINEERS.

George Jason, horses to fires . . .	$ 2 50
A. B. Litchfield, horses to fires . .	3 00
Cohasset Livery Stable, horses to fires and cartage	27 50
H. W. Souther, stationery . . .	1 55
A. H. Tower, Treas., five poll taxes .	10 00
Total	$44 55

FIRE ALARM.

C. Callahan Co., zincs, coppers, etc. .	$ 8 42
H. E. Mapes, Chief, dry batteries . .	2 50
F. W. Browne, chemicals . . .	14 82
	$25 74

RECAPITULATION.

Hose No. 1	$272 11	
Ladder No. 1	166 29	
Engine No. 1	287 82	
Ladder No. 2	131 75	
Hose No. 2	34 00	
Engineers	44 55	
Fire Alarm	25 74	
Miscellaneous	472 32	
Total		$1,434 58
Amount of appropriation		1,500 00
Balance unexpended		$65 42

H. E. MAPES,
Chief.

Attest: GEO. JASON, *Clerk.*

REPORT

—of the—

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For the Year 1899.

Herewith is submitted the annual report of the School Committee, together with the report of the Superintendent of Schools, in which are embodied the reports of the instructors in Drawing and Singing.

There have been no changes in the teaching force since our last report, and the report of the Superintendent deals exhaustively with the work done by the teachers the past year.

With the opening of the school year the salaries of all the teachers below the eighth grade were raised from ten to twelve dollars per week. This action was taken by the Committee, not only in recognition of the fact that the work called for by the requirements of our primary and grammar school course and the attainments and ability to perform successfully that work merited this increase in compensation, but also that in order to obtain teachers of experience and retain them it was necessary to compete in the teaching market for such service by paying what has come to be the market price.

The school buildings have been kept in good condition without any extraordinary expense, the only exception being in the heating and ventilating system in the Osgood School, where the replacing of the stack heater in the southern ventilating stack with a larger and more efficient one gave us the opportunity, during the Christmas vacation, of over-

hauling the whole system and putting it in perfect condition. This system of heating and ventilation is now in its ninth year of use in this building, and has answered all the requirements made upon it during that time. The Osgood School, too, is in an excellent state of repair after its eight years of occupancy by from 300 to 350 scholars.

The experiment of abolishing the Primary school in the Jerusalem district and conveying the few pupils in that grade to the Osgood school is working so successfully that your Committee recommend that the Town dispose of the school hou-e in that district by sale or otherwise, and allow the land which it now occupies to become a source of revenue to the Town by taxation.

Two questions appear to the School Committee to especially demand the thoughtful attention and action of the citizens of the Town at the coming March meeting.

The first is one which has been brought repeatedly to your attention in the past five years in these reports—the question of additional accommodations for the pupils in the Osgood School. A glance at the following table shows the existing conditions :—

Grade.	Number of seats.	Number of pupils.
1	42	40
2	47	26
3 and 4	48	51
5	50	35
6	42	32
7	35	32
8	no fixed seats	40
High	82	71

The third and fourth grades should be seated in separate rooms, and a teacher assigned to each grade. The eighth grade should have a room properly ventilated, warm in winter and cool in summer, and not be compelled longer to

sit in a room where on account of its size the voices of the scholars can be heard with difficulty, where the sun streaming in in the summer through the glass skylights above convert the room into a hot house, and in the cold days in winter it is impossible to warm the room until the rooms below have first been thoroughly heated. This room was intended for a hall, not a school room.

Next year the number of scholars in the High School will be between ninety and one hundred. This will necessitate seating some of these scholars in the recitation room connected with the High School, which contains twenty-four seats, thus taking away from the High School its only recitation room. When the classes were smaller, the principal's office, seating seven and the committee room, seating ten, were called into use, but the size of the classes next year will not allow the use of these small, unventilated rooms, and it will be necessary to hold many of the recitations in the corridors.

The laboratory should be removed from the basement and placed in a room above ground, light, dry and airy.

We need then a room for the third grade, a room for the eighth grade and two more recitation rooms for the High School, one of which can be used for a physical laboratory. Two years ago the town voted to instruct a committee to bring in plans at the next annual meeting for providing additional accomodations for the scholars of the Osgood School, but this committee instructed its chairman to report to the town that no present exigency demanded such an addition. This report, so far as we know, has never been made. But the lapse of two years has shown that action of some kind will have to be taken at once, if the teaching in the Osgood School is to be conducted under conditions, healthful, comfortable and convenient for teachers and scholars.

The second question is that of conveyance. Since the practice of conveying the scholars from the outlying districts first to the High Schoool and later to the Osgood School was

begun, the committee refrained from doing more than to contract for and oversee the matter of conveyance after the town had voted for it and made the necessary appropriation. But it now seems as if the practice had outgrown reasonable and and proper limits. Scholars are now being conveyed to the Osgood School a shorter distance than their fathers and mothers walked when they had a school right in their own district, or were compelled to walk to the High School when it was in the Town Hall.

The Committee will bring both of these questions before the town for action at the next March meeting.

The committee estimate that for the support of schools the coming year there will be required for

Salaries of Superintendent, Teachers and Janitors	$10,020 00
Conveyance	2,000 00
Books and supplies	600 00
Fuel	600 00
Repairs and Incidentals	380 00
Total	$13,600 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. COLLIER,
Chairman.
CALEB LOTHROP,
Secretary.
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
AMOS A. LAWRENCE,
LOUIS T. CUSHING,
H. E. MAPES.

TOWN OF COHASSET in account with THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Debit.

1899. Paid.

Superintendent of Schools, Nelson G. Howard		$600 00

TEACHERS.

Osgood School:		
High, Mr. C. F. Jacobs, Principal . . .	$1,700 00	
High, Miss Grace Clark, Assistant . . .	600 00	
High Mr. Arthur N. Small, Assistant . . .	540 00	
8th grade, Miss Martha P. Bates	500 00	
7th grade, Miss Lila O. Buck	432 00	
6th grade, Miss Annie D. Dunham . . .	432 00	
5th grade, Miss Annie A. Souther . . .	432 00	
3rd and 4th grades, Miss Mary E. Clapp . .	432 00	
2nd grade, Miss Priscilla L. Collier	432 00	
1st grade, Miss Sarah E. Fox	432 00	
General assistant, Miss Myra L. Beal . .	380 00	

North School:		
Miss Susie L. Stoddard .	$372 00	
Mrs. Elmer L. Curtis .	48 00	
Beechwood School:		
Miss Emma V. Ingerson .	432 00	
King Street School:		
Miss Annie Fox . .	432 00	
		$7,596 00
Special Teachers:		
Miss Elizabeth C. Bates, music	$300 00	
Miss Sara T. Bailey, drawing	300 00	
		$600 00

JANITORS.

Osgood School:		
Mr. Lot W. Bates . .	$600 00	
North School:		
Mr. Thomas Keefe . .	40 00	
Beechwood School:		
Mr. A. Bradford Litchfield	40 00	
King Street School:		
Mr. Frederick G. James .	30 00	
		$710 00

CLEANING.

North School:		
Mary Reilly . . .	$9 00	
Beechwood School:		
A. B. Litchfield . .	7 00	
King Street School:		
Fred G. James . .	5 00	
		$21 00

Conveying.

North Cohasset and Jerusalem road districts:		
Franklin Beal, 10 months .	$572 08	
Beechwood district:		
Samuel E. Pratt, 10 months	928 25	
South Main street district:		
Estate C. F. B. Tilden, 9 months . . .	254 80	
Harry F. Tilden, 1 month	21 00	
Parker avenue and Border street district:		
Estate C. F. B. Tilden, 3 months	135 00	
Harry F. Tilden, 1 month	30 00	
North Main street and King street district:		
Estate C. F. B. Tilden, 3 months . . .	200 00	
		$2,141 13

Repairs and Supplies.

Osgood School:		
I. C. Vinal, setting glass .	$1 50	
Cohasset Electric Co. .	6 97	
Manuel S. Enos, taking off storm windows . .	1 50	
W. E. Crocker, putting on storm windows (1898) .	5 00	
I. C. Vinal, painting .	27 90	
Est. Allen C. Bates, repairs and supplies . . .	25 91	
John A. Robertson & Co., white wood posts . .	4 25	

Osgood School:		
W. E. Crocker, carpentering, etc. . . .	$39 25	
Manuel S. Leonard, cleaning out drain . .	5 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., varnish, etc . . .	82 91	
Henry W. Lincoln, glass and setting . . .	80	
Gross & Nichols, supplies .	20 22	
Est. Miss F. H. Nichols, ribbons, etc. . .	5 72	
Charles F. Tilden, repairing	3 65	
Cohasset Water, repairing water service . .	2 00	
The Fuller & Warren Co., repairing ventilating system	115 00	
Est. Allen C. Bates, repairs and supplies . . .	50 35	
		$397 73
North School:		
Thomas Keefe, removing platform and mending flag	$ 1 00	
John Roche, taking off and putting on double windows, etc. . . .	5 50	
Wm. J. Brennock, reeving halyard on flag staff .	3 00	
Estate Allen C. Bates, repairs and supplies . .	12 74	
Tower Bros. & Co., manila	38	
		$22 62

Beechwood School:		
A. Bradford Litchfield, carpentering, varnishing, etc.	$11 75	
John W. Bates, cleaning vault	3 00	
Cousens & Pratt, flag .	6 25	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, varnish, etc. . . .	8 50	
Estate Allen C. Bates, supplies	12 64	
		$42 14
King Street School:		
Fred G. James, removing tree and repairing fence .	$10 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, etc.	6 79	
Estate Allen C. Bates, repairs and supplies . .	4 45	
		$21 24
		$483 73

FUEL.

Osgood School:		
Lincoln Bros. . . .	$604 03	
North School:		
Lincoln Bros. . . .	28 93	
Beechwood School:		
Lincoln Bros. . . .	28 04	
King Street School:		
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	15 04	
		$676 04

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Lot W. Bates, truant officer	$25 00	
Joseph J. Bates, expressing	20 90	
Manual S. Enos, truant officer ('98) . . .	10 00	
Wm. H. H. Hancock, repairing clocks . .	10 90	
A. Bradford Litchfield, truant officer . . .	10 00	
Assessors of Cohasset School Census, '98-'99 .	20 00	
Wm. T. Tilden, use of hall and piano . . .	8 00	
Mary A. Cushing, bouquets	9 00	
Nelson G. Howard, ⅓ rent of telephone . . .	19 89	
A. T. Bliss & Co., printing	6 00	
H. W. Kibbe, filling diplomas	15 00	
Charlotte S. Tower, rewriting list of school children	3 00	
Cohasset Sentinel, advertising	2 25	
Harry F. Tilden, carting blackboard, etc., from Jerusalem School . .	1 50	
W. W. Wade, tuning piano	5 00	
C. Lothrop, secretary and treasurer . . .	75 00	
Frank W. Browne, magnifying glasses, etc. .	9 45	
Est. C. F. B. Tilden, freight and carting . . .	55	
Stationery and postage .	1 56	
		$253 00

Books and Supplies.

Paid C. F. Jacobs . . .	$4 43	
Emerson College of Oratory	2 00	
Edw. E. Babb & Co. .	218 27	
Frost & Adams . .	90	
The American Book Co. .	58 86	
Horgan, Robey & Co. .	57	
Allyn & Bacon . . .	12 50	
A. J. Wilkinson & Co. .	1 80	
J. L. Hammett Co. . .	17 12	
Fred H. Miller . . .	5 00	
D. C. Heath . . .	56 10	
The Globe Co. . .	2 49	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.	6 90	
Eagle Pencil Co. . .	9 75	
Educational Pub. Co. .	63	
Ginn & Co . . .	11 34	
Samuel Ward & Co. .	16 00	
Thaxter & Brother . .	4 50	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co. .	40 98	
Seigler Electrical Co .	1 70	
Joseph Gillot & Sons .	13 20	
Sibley & Ducker . .	22 92	
Scott, Foresman & Co. .	13 48	
		$521 44

RECAPITULATION.

Debit.

Superintendent of schools .	$ 600 00
Teachers	7,596 00
Supervisor of music . .	300 00
Special teacher of drawing .	300 00

Janitors	$710 00	
Cleaning	21 00	
Conveying	2,141 13	
Repairs and supplies . .	483 73	
Fuel	676 04	
Miscellaneous	253 00	
Books and school supplies .	521 44	
Balance unexpended . .	251 74	
		$13,854 08

Credit.

Balance from last year . .	$494 62	
Amount of school appropriation	13,000 00	
Amount of dog licenses . .	271 06	
Interest from Ripley fund .	40 40	
Received from Town of Hingham	36 00	
Received from school supplies sold	12 00	
		$13,854 08

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Gentlemen of the Committee:

I have the honor to present for your consideration my second annual report of the schools of Cohasset.

The work of the past year has been for the most part active and progressive. The effort to secure more individual instruction has been continued earnestly and the results are very satisfactory.

A few changes have been made in our methods of instruction and in the management of certain departments in order to meet new requirements and to improve our system, but we have endeavored to retain all that was best in the work of former years and to conduct our teaching of new subjects in a quiet, careful manner, keeping in mind the fact that all is not bad that is old and all is not good that is new. It has has been a year of work for pupils and teachers, and the result show that our schools are accomplishing their object, which is to assist and encourage pupils to make the most of themselves.

INSTRUCTION.

There has been no change in the teaching force during the year, and this fact is noteworthy in consideration of the numerous changes that are made every year in nearly all the small towns in this vicinity. Trained teachers of experience

are necessary to the success of our work, and the action of your committee in increasing the salaries of the grade teachers guarantees better schools for the town. Teaching has become and is recognized as a business, and demands that those who are employed in it shall be educated and trained for their particular work. It further demands that ability to instruct shall be added to education and training. Possession of knowledge does not necessarily imply ability to impart it. Our departmental system calls for teachers who can give accurate instruction in special subjects to a large number of pupils in the different grades, and at the same time be able to interest and govern them. Such teachers must possess much tact and executive ability.

We have an excellent corps of teachers, and it is good business management to retain them.

ATTENDANCE.

The attendance has been very regular except during the last two months of the summer term when an epidemic of measles appeared and according to the law enacted in 1898 it was necessary to exclude all pupils who were members of households in which cases of the disease were reported. While the average attendance for the year is 90 per cent. the average attendance for the year, not including May and June is 95 per cent.

Amendments to the State laws in relation to school attendance which were passed in 1898 have increased the membership of the schools, but at the same time they have decreased the average daily attendance by imposing more rigid health regulations.

Section 11 of Chapter 496 of the Public Statutes, Acts of 1898, says: "No child who has not been duly vaccinated shall be admitted to the public school except upon presentation of a certificate signed by a regular practising physician that such child is an unfit subject for vaccination. No child

who is a member of a household in which a person is sick with small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet-fever or *measles*, or of a household exposed to contagion from a household as aforesaid, shall attend any public school during such sickness or until the teacher of the school has been furnished with a certificate from the Board of Health of the town or city, or from the attending physician of such sick person, stating in a case of small-pox, diphtheria, or scarlet fever, that a period of at least two weeks, and in cases of measles a period of at least three days, has elapsed since the recovery, removal, or death of such person, and that danger of the conveying of such disease by such child has passed."

The following are the sections of Chapter 496 which have operated to increase the number of pupils in the schools. Section 12 provides that: —

"Every child between seven and fourteen years of age shall attend some public day school in the town or city in which he resides during the entire time the public day schools are in session, subject to such exceptions as to children, places of attendance and schools as are provided for in section three, seven, ten and eleven of this act: provided, that the Superintendent of Schools or where there is no Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee, or teachers acting under authority of said Superintendent of Schools, or School Committee, may excuse cases of necessary absence." (The remainder of the act is virtually the same as the old law.)

It will be observed that the most important changes make compulsory attendance between the ages of *seven* (instead of eight, as heretofore) and fourteen years *during the entire time* the schools are in session.

Section 31 reads as follows: "Any person having under his control a child between seven and fourteen years of age who fails for five day sessions or ten half day sessions within any period of six months while under such control, to cause such child to attend school as required by section twelve of

this act, the physical or mental condition of such child not being such as to render his attendance at school harmful or impracticable, upon complaint by a truant officer, and conviction thereof, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than twenty dollars. Any person who induces or attempts to induce any child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors while school is in session any child absent unlawfully from school, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than fifty dollars."

Much importance now attaches to the work of the truant officer. Upon the faithful performance of his duty depends, in a large degree, the success of the law which was framed to benefit the class of children that is most in need of the training of the schools. It is for the interest of the town and the state that the laws relative to school attendance be well understood and rigidly enforced, and it is one of the purposes of this report to call the attention of all parents to the new requirements of the law, and to ask for their co-operation in securing better school attendance.

During the past year there has been no case of truancy that has demanded the arrest of the truant, but there have been several pupils who have required the services of the truant officer. Greater regularity in attendance means greater advancement in all school work.

DEPARTMENTAL TEACHING.

In September the departmental system was further extended by including the music, drawing, and writing of all grades above the first. The necessary changes and adjustments were made without disturbing the general management of the school, and the improvement in the work of the pupils confirms the belief that the departmental system may be employed with great success in all grades. With us it is no experiment. Our teachers have shown, under this system, that they make better preparation for their work, that

they secure greater unity and completeness of subjects, that time is saved, that the testing is more thoroughly done, and that greater interest is aroused in all school work. Departmental teachers are obliged to consider the growth of the child's mind, and they have a great advantage over the teachers of the old system in being able to watch mental development in pupils of different ages. The breadth of thought that is gained by the study necessary for good departmental teaching insures earnest, progressive work.

READING, WRITING, AND LANGUAGE.

The successful teaching of reading is at the foundation of all our school work. We have made an extra effort during the past year to improve our methods and to emphasize the subject of reading. We have endeavored to combine the language work with the reading in the lower grades and the writing is taught in connection with both reading and language. The children of the first three grades are great observers and imitators, but they rarely show much reasoning ability. Much of the time that was formerly devoted to number work in grades I, II and III, has been given to reading and the results have been good. Pupils should master the mechanical part of reading in the first three or four years at school — but have our pupils done this?

It is not uncommon to find pupils stumbling through the text books of the higher grades, simply because they were not taught to read in the primary grades. Pupils in the grammar grades should be reading to learn, not learning to read. The language teaching in the lower grades is chiefly a matter of giving language to pupils when they need it to express ideas that have been formed. The teacher arouses curiosity and encourages inquisitiveness and at the right time furnishes words to the pupils. Writing is then employed to give visible form to the words. We have no

pet method of teaching reading or language, but we endeavor to employ whatever seems best suited to the individual needs of our pupils.

The natural system of vertical writing has been in use for a little more than a year and a comparison of the writing of the pupils of the present month with that done by them a year ago shows very plainly that vertical writing is superior to the old slant writing in point of legibility, neatness, and accuracy of execution.

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY.

Geography and history have been correlated as much as possible and both departments have gained by the arrangement. Our eight grade system does not allow us to devote as much time to history as the subject deserves. The teachers make use of every available means to supplement the regular text book work. Pupils are directed to read books that aid in connecting the chief events in history and the teachers introduce material drawn with great care from reliable sources. "Current events" help to fix the location of places and the relation of people to those places. Frequent written exercises are required in order to give the pupils thorough tests without the formality of regular examinations. In all these exercises the greatest care is used in correcting the faults of language and expression.

ARITHMETIC.

In the school of a generation ago the chief subject was arithmetic. The pupils were generally good mathematicians according to the standard of the time. They could "do sums" and reason with considerable accuracy. They were mature in years—some pupils attended the old district school long after their names appeared upon the voting lists, and there was great rivalry in solving the puzzles that appeared

in all the text books in arithmetic. There was less to attract young people away from home in the evening and they found pleasure in doing school work.

All this has changed and we now find the teaching of arithmetic confined to the eight or nine grades below the High School. The pupils are from five to fourteen years of age and it is evident that it requires skilled teaching to secure results that will compare favorably with those of the old school. The new conditions have called for the exercise of great care and judgement on the part of all teachers of arithmetic.

The recent investigations in child study have shown that the majority of children are incapable of reasoning before their seventh year, and that many do not develop the faculty until a much greater age. In view of these facts we have decreased the number work in the lower grades and increased it in the higher grades. Mental arithmetic has received more attention in all grades. We may reasonably hope for a decided improvement in this department during the coming year.

Never before in our history has there been so great an interest in the extension of education as is shown at the present time, and never before has there been such a demand for cultured, well-trained teachers. The colleges require more of the high schools, and of necessity more must be demanded of the lower grades.

Our schools must be the best that the town can afford. With the grammar grades the great majority of our pupils finish their school attendance, and it is highly important that no efforts be spared in giving to those pupils the best training that the time will allow. We now have eight grades below the high school, and, if a room could be had for the purpose, I should advocate very strongly the addition of a ninth grade. The crowded condition of the Osgood school will not allow any further development of grades, and this

serves as a serious hindrance to the advancement of the interests of the school. There is much work for all of us who have the care and direction of the school children of today, and each of us must be true to his trust.

The directors of music and drawing have worked faithfully, and their teaching has brought good results. I wish to call attention to their reports. In conclusion, allow me to thank the Committee, the teachers, and the citizens for their hearty co-operation that has been extended me.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON G. HOWARD,

Superintendent of Schools.

COHASSET, Dec. 30, 1899.

SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, AND STATISTICS.

Whole number of children in Town September, 1899, between 5 and 15 years of age	401
Whole number of children in Town September, 1899 between 7 and 14 years of age	292
Whole number of children in school between 5 and 15 years of age	455
Whole number of children in school between 7 and 14 years of age	318
Number of children in school over 15 years of age	54
Total number of children in school during the year	509
Average membership of schools	401
Average attendance of schools	360.4
Per cent. of attendance	90
Number of tardy marks for the year	613

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Salary	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Tardy Marks.
Osgood High,	C. F. Jacobs - -	$1,700	71	66	58.5	90	160
	Arthur N. Small -	600					
	Grace Clark - -	600				89	
Grade VIII.	Martha P. Bates -	500	49	36.3	32.2	94	37
VII.	Lila O. Buck - -	480	58	43	40.5	90	78
VI.	Annie D. Dunham -	480	50	36.8	33.5	94	62
V.	Annie A. Souther -	480	52	38	36	93	48
IV. III.	Mary E. Clapp -	480	63	47	42		54
II	Priscilla L. Collier,	480	38	30	27	90	40
I.	Sarah E Fox - -	480	42	38.4	31.5	62	25
Matron.	Myra L. Beal - -	380					
Beechwood.	Emma V. Ingerson -	480	39	28.6	24.7	88	45
King Street.	Annie Fox - -	480	12	11.7	10.6	90	36
North.	Susannah L. Stoddard	480	35	25.3	23.9	94	28
Drawing.		300					
Music		300					

REPORT OF THE TEACHER OF MUSIC.

To the Superintendent of Schools:—

In preparing the report of the work on Music for the past year, I find that very little can be said, without repeating what has already been stated in previous reports.

We have worked steadily throughout the year on the same general plan, and continue to be favorably impressed with the "Natural Music Course," finding, as we become more thoroughly acquainted with the system, many things which especially commend the work to us, such as the systematic grading of lessons, the exercises in rhythm, the simple development of chromatic tones, and the study of new features presented at first for single voice, then arranged in a study or song of two or more parts.

On account of the introduction of the departmental system, to a certain extent, into the lower grades, Miss Mary E. Clapp has taken charge of the regular teacher's work in singing in all grades excepting the High and First Primary. This, no doubt, will make the work more uniform, for the same will apply to music as to other studies. But I wish to express to the teachers of the several grades my satisfaction in the good results obtained through their efforts during the past three years.

I have given two lessons each week in the High School, and feel that improvement has been made in sight reading, which is the chief work of the class, although a short time at the beginning of each lesson is taken for vocal exercises. We are gradually giving up the use of syllables in songs of moderate difficulty, and hope soon to dispense with them altogether.

The improvement in the childrens' voices in the Beechwood school is very marked. The teacher has worked faithfully with me, and it has been our one object to bring about the above results.

The little band of singers in the King Street school is doing well. The North school is at its best, and the outlook for the coming year is favorable for steady advancement.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH A. BATES.

REPORT OF THE TEACHER OF DRAWING.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The course in drawing used in the schools of Cohasset the past year has differed very little from that of previous years.

More attention has been given in the High School to light and shade and to out-of-door sketching and work in pictorial composition.

The per cent. of pupils who are in the drawing classes is larger than that of last year and the work done by them shows increasing skill in the handling of color and reveals a greater knowledge of the principles of drawing.

The use of water color has been restricted to the High School, colored pencils taking its place in the lower grades.

Each room has studied the life and works of one artist and quite an interest in the pictures was aroused among the children.

The grammar grades have made sketches of pieces of ornament and symbolic elements characteristic of the Gothic and and Egyptian schools of ornament.

Mechanical drawing and design have occupied an important place in the course. The designs particularly have been much better than in past years.

Since October Miss Collin has had charge of the drawing in all the grades below the High School, correlating the subject with botany. This arrangement will doubtless be productive of good results in the future, as Miss Collin is especially fitted for this department of schoolwork.

Specimens of the pupils' work were exhibited in the Osgood School in June and an exhibit was also sent to the Hingham Fair in September, for which a gratuity of two dollars was received.

From time to time some of the best drawings are posted in the office of the Osgood School, that the pupils may see what has been done and may be encouraged to make each years work better than the last.

Respectfully submitted,

SARA TILDEN BAILEY.

One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Report.

Annual Report

...of...

THE SELECTMEN

OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET

And the

REPORTS OF OTHER TOWN OFFICERS

For the

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1900.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1900-1901.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

PHILANDER BATES, Chairman	Term expires		March 1902
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW . .	"	"	March 1901
NEWCOMB B. TOWER . .	"	"	March 1903

Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

ABRAHAM H. TOWER.

School Committee.

E. POMEROY COLLIER . .	Term expires		March 1902
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW . .	"	"	March 1903
AMOS A. LAWRENCE . .	"	"	March 1903
LOUIS T. CUSHING . . .	"	"	March 1901
HARRY E. MAPES . . .	"	"	March 1901
CALEB LOTHROP, Sec. and Treas.	"	"	March 1902

Board of Health.

THE SELECTMEN

Physician for Board of Health.

OLIVER H. HOWE, M. D.

Fire Engineers.

HARRY E. MAPES, Chief.
HENRY E. BRENNOCK, 1st Ass't.
ALSON S. RICHARDSON, 2d Ass't.
A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD.

Superintendent of Streets.

PHILANDER BATES.

Auditor.

WENTWORTH J. EARLE.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

PAUL J. BATES.

Auctioneers.

AARON PRATT, EDWARD E. WENTWORTH,
JAMES S. BEAL, CHARLES A. GROSS.

Constables.

EDWARD E. WENTWORTH, MANUEL S. ENOS,
A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD, JOHN ROCHE,
SIDNEY L. BEAL, THOMAS MANNIX.

Trustees of the Public Library.

Miss EDITH M. BATES . .	Term	expires	March 1902
Mrs. EDWARD F. RIPLEY .	"	"	March 1902
Dr. OLIVER H. HOWE . .	"	"	March 1902
EDWARD E. ELLMS . . .	"	"	March 1901
LOUIS T. CUSHING . . .	"	"	March 1901
ABRAHAM H. TOWER, Treasurer,	"	"	March 1901
EDWARD F. RIPLEY . . .	"	"	March 1903
Miss SARAH B. COLLIER, Librarian	"	"	March 1903
Mrs. ABRAHAM H. TOWER .	"	"	March 1903

Fence Viewers.

EPHRAIM SNOW, Jr., FRANK F. MARTIN, Jr.,
GEORGE JASON.

Field Drivers.

THOMAS LONEY, WILLIAM J. BRENNOCK,
JOSEPH A. ANTOINE, JOSEPH J. GRASSIE,
JAMES O. McCORMACK,

Tree Warden.

HENRY L. McMAHON.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

HERBERT L. BROWN, ZENAS D. LINCOLN,
FRANKLIN BEAL.

Public Weighers

CALEB F. NICHOLS, NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
ZENAS D. LINCOLN, HERBERT L. BROWN,
ALFRED BEAL.

Surveyors of Lumber.

ARTHUR O. HIGGINS, JOSEPH A. VALINE.

Inspector of Animals.

DARIUS W. GILBERT, V. S.

Undertaker.

WARREN F. SNOW.

Pound Keeper.

LEVI L. WORRICK,

Keeper of Lockup.

MANUEL S. ENOS.

Harbor Master.

JOSEPH JASON, Jr.

Registrars of Voters.

JOHN L. PRATT, . . .	Term expires	May 1, 1902
THOMAS DOYLE . . .	" "	May 1, 1901
EDWARD E. ELLMS, Chairman	" "	May 1, 1903

HARRY F. TILDEN, Town Clerk, *ex officio* Clerk of Board.

TOWN OF COHASSET.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For 1900.

Doings of the

TOWN OF COHASSET.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Extracts from the Town Records.

The Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset was held March 5, 1900, agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same, at which time the several articles contained were acted upon as follows :—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Chose Philander Bates, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Chose Harry F. Tilden, Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 3. To act upon the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Treasurer of the Public Library, School Committee, Treasurer of School Committee, and Auditor.

Each of the above reports were, by a vote, accepted.

ARTICLE 4. To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, and one Overseer of the Poor for three years.

Chose Newcomb B. Tower, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for three years.

Article 5. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Chose Abraham H. Tower, Treasurer.

Article 6. To choose a Collector for the ensuing year.

Chose Abraham H. Tower, Collector.

Article 7. To choose two members of the School Committee for three years.

Chose Joseph S. Bigelow and Amos A. Lawrence.

Article 8. To determine the number and choose Constables for the ensuing year.

Voted, That there be six constables the ensuing year, names to be brought in on one ballot.

Chose Manuel S. Enos, A. Bradford Litchfield, Edward E. Wentworth, John Roche, Sidney L. Beal, and Thomas Mannix, Constables for the ensuing year.

Article 9. To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

Chose Wentworth J. Earle, Auditor.

Article 10. To choose three Trustees of the Public Library for three years.

Chose Edward F. Ripley, Mrs. Abraham H. Tower and Sarah B. Collier.

Article 11. To choose a Tree Warden for the ensuing year in accordance with Chapter 300, of the Acts of 1899.

Chose Henry L. McMahon for Tree Warden.

Article 12. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.

Chose E. Snow, Jr., Frank F. Martin, Jr., and George Jason, for Fence Viewers.

Voted, That there be five Field Drivers.

Chose Thomas Loney, Joseph A. Antoine, James O. McCormack, William J. Brennock and Joseph J. Grassie.

Article 13. What sums of money will the town raise

and appropriate for the payment of debt, interest, repairs of highways, removing snow, support and relief of poor, schools, public libraries, electric lights for streets, water for hydrants, public buildings, fountains and streets, and all other necessary charges and expenses for the current year.

Voted, That the sum of $46,495 dollars be raised by taxtion the current year.

Voted, That the sum of $58,995 dollars be appropriated the current year as follows :—

Payment of Debt	$6,400 00
Payment of Interest	3,000 00
Support of Schools	13,300 00
Support and Relief of Poor	6,000 00
Highways and Sidewalks	10,000 00
Electric Lights	5,060 00
Water for Hydrants	2,525 00
Watering Streets	1,500 00
Soldiers and Sailors Relief	900 00
Town Officers	2,200 00
Night Police	1,600 00
Fire Department	1,200 00
Removing Snow	500 00
Public Libraries	950 00
Henry Bryant, Post 98, G. A. R.	100 00
Printing	275 00
Military Aid	185 00
Inspection of Provisions and Cattle	250 00
Town Hall	600 00
Incidentals	1,000 00
Board of Health	200 00
On Account, Iron Bridge	1,000 00
Straits Pond	100 00
Tree Warden	150 00
	$58,995 00

Article 14. Will the town authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of the taxes and to pay State and Military Aid?

Voted, That he be so authorized.

Article 15. In what manner will the town collect the taxes and at what time shall they be paid into the treasury?

Voted, That the taxes the current year be collected in the same manner, and paid into the treasury at the same time as last year, which was "The taxes assessed for the current year, shall be due and payable on the first day of August; and on all taxes remaining unpaid on the first day of October, interest, not exceeding 7 per cent. per annum, shall be added thereto until paid; and the taxes remaining unpaid on the 10th day of January (1901) shall be considered delinquent, and subject to collection according to law. The interest accruing under this vote shall be added to and be a part of such taxes."

Article 16. What compensation will the town allow the Collector of Taxes for the current year?

Voted, That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes and Treasurer for the current year be $400.00.

Article 17. To hear the report of the Selectmen on guide-boards and act thereon.

Voted, That the following report of the Selectmen on guide-boards be accepted:

"Guide-boards are maintained at the following places; corner of Border and Summer streets, Snow Place and Summer street, South Main and Summer streets, Beechwood and South Main streets, Doane and Beechwood streets, Church and Beechwood streets, King and Beechwood streets, King and North Main streets, Jerusalem Road and North Main street, Forest avenue and Jerusalem Road and Hull street and Jerusalem Road."

Article 18. Will the town accept the list of Jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen?

Voted, That the names of the four persons who requested it be stricken from the list.

Voted, To add the names of two persons.

Voted, To accept the list as amended, namely:

Abraham J. Antoine,
William C. Appleton,
Arthur S. Bates,
Harry C. Bates,
William H. Bates, Jr.
Francis Beal,
Isaac W. Beal,
Orlando Curtis,
William E. Crocker,
George L. Davenport,
Thomas W. Doyle,
Wentworth J. Earle,
John J. Grassie,
Thomas L. Grassie,
Joshua F. Higgins,
Frederic G. James,
George W. Kimball,
Charles L. Kittrell,
Thomas F. Kinsley,
Frederick L. Lincoln,
Charles C. Lincoln,
Waldo C. Locke,
Henry L. McMahon,
James O. McCormack,
Benjamin F. Morse,
John J. A. Pratt,
Bardin A. Prouty,
John Roche,
Ephraim Snow, Jr.,
Manuel E. Salvador,
Israel N. Small,
George P. Tower,
Willie F. Thayer,
Edward C. Tower,
Manuel P. Valine,
Frank W. Wheelwright,
Ralph B. Williams.

Article 19. To hear and act upon the report of any committee.

Voted, That this article be laid upon the table.

Article 20. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen under Article 25 of warrant, March 6th, 1899.

Voted, That the Selectmen's report on above article be accepted.

Article 21. Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in the town the current year in accordance with Chapter 100, Section 5 of the Public Statutes?

The polls for the reception of the ballots upon this question will be opened at 11.30 A. M. and be kept open until 1 P. M.

The polls for the reception of ballots upon the above question were opened at 11.25 A. M. and kept opened until 1.10 P. M. when they were by a vote closed. The names checked as having voted and the dial on the ballot box agreed, namely 164, and were as follows: "Yes," 58, "No," 106.

Article 22. Will the town raise and appropriate a sum of money to enlarge the cemetery at North Cohasset or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That a committee of five be appointed to investigate this Article and report at the next Town meeting, and that said committee consist of the three Selectmen, James S. Beal and James Benjamin D. Hyde.

Article 23. What action will the town take to provide additional accommodations for the scholars in the Osgood School.

Voted, That the School Committee be instructed to obtain plans and estimates for an addition to the Osgood School Building and report at a meeting of the town, to be held in April of this year.

Article 24. Will the town instruct the School Committee concerning the conveyance of scholars to the Osgood School.

Voted, That this article be passed over.

Article 25. Will the town appropriate the sum of $500 for the suppression of gambling and illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in the town the current year.

Voted, That the sum of $500 be raised for above purposes.

Article 26. Will the town cause Smith's avenue, so called, to be made and kept a permanent street.

Voted, That the above article be passed over.

Article 27. Will the town cause an electric light to be placed at the junction of South Main street and Depot avenue.

Voted, That the sum of $20 be appropriated for above purpose.

Article 28. Will the town require the night police to wear uniforms and that said uniforms be paid for by the town.

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to purchase one uniform and badge for each Police Officer, each Officer to furnish his own uniform after the first. And the sum of $100.00 be appropriated for above purpose.

Voted, To take up Article 19 from the table. Report of the Committee on Beach Privileges was read and accepted and committee allowed further time to consider the matter in all its bearings.

Article 29. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to contract with the State Highway Commission to build a section of State road the ensuing year?

Voted, That they be so authorized.

Article 30. Will the town cause the financial report to be printed and distributed in the month of February, 1901?

Voted, In the affirmative.

Article 31. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to purchase a piece of land on which the "Paul Pratt Memorial Library" may be erected, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized, in connection with the Trustee of the Free Public Library of Cohasset, to select a piece of land on which the Paul Pratt Memorial Library may be built and report at the next town meeting.

Voted, That the name of E. V. Bigelow be added to above committee.

Article 32. To see what action the town will take in

regard to purchasing the Cohasset Electric Light Company's Plant, or act on anything relating thereto.

Voted, That above Article be passed over.

ARTICLE 33. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to purchase bonds for such of its officers who are required to give bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties in accordance with Chapter 132 of the Acts of 1897?

Voted, That the Selectmen be so authorized and whatever sum of money is needed be appropriated.

ARTICLE 34. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to buy land to enlarge the Beechwood Cemetery, or act on anything in relation thereto?

Voted, That the town appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for above purpose.

Voted, That the thanks of this meeting be extended to the Moderator for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over it.

Voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

Agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served, the inhabitants of Cohasset qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, met at the Town Hall on Friday evening, the 27th day of April, at 8 o'clock, to transact the business as expressed in the several articles of said warrant.

Owing to the illness of the Town Clerk and his consequent absence, the meeting was formally opened by Philander Bates, the chairman of the Selectmen, and he appointed Joseph S. Bigelow as teller to take charge of the check list, and to assist in determining the choice of any officer required to be chosen, and he was duly sworn by the Moderator. Then proceeded with the business of the evening, as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Philander Bates was unanimously chosen Moderator.

The Moderator stated that it would next be necessary to choose a Clerk pro tem., by ballot, which the meeting then proceeded to do. The result of the balloting was the choice of Newcomb B. Tower for clerk pro tem., and he was duly sworn in by the Moderator.

Article 2. To hear and act upon the report of the committee chosen at the annual meeting in March to select a place on which the Paul Pratt Memorial Library may be erected, or act on anything relating thereto.

The committee referred to in the second article submitted its report through its secretarv, by whom it was prepared, the Rev. E. Victor Bigelow. The chairman of the committee, Abraham H. Tower, was by illness unable to prepare, or assist in preparing the same or to be present at this meeting. The report was received with favor, and was by a vote accepted.

Much discussion followed the acceptance of the report, the several propositions presented by the same eliciting an expression of the feelings of many present, each proposition being both strongly commended or antagonized. After about one and one-half hours of discussion, the meeting was brought to feel that a better understanding should prevail among the voters of the conditions by which the Town shall receive the benefits of the munificent bequest, as expressed in the will of the late Miss Harriet E. Pratt, and before the meeting had arrived to taking a ballot upon any of the propositions stated in the report, it was voted, "That the vote whereby the committee's report was accepted, be reconsidered, and that the committee continue to serve and further report at some future meeting, and that previous to such meeting the voters shall be provided with printed extracts from said will of all that relates to the above named bequest and its disposition, in order that they may be more fully acquainted with the subject than at present."

The report of the committee, although not accepted, but having in it interesting statements, has been placed on file.

ARTICLE 3. Will the town instruct the Selectmen to procure and lay out suitable grounds for a base ball field or act on anything relating thereto?

It was voted, That the Selectmen be, and they are hereby instructed to procure and lay out suitable grounds for a base ball field.

ARTICLE 4. Will the town instruct the school committee to build an addition on the Osgood school building and what sum of money will it appropriate therefor?

The Moderator divided the above article and first submitted to the meeting the question: Will the town instruct the school committee to build an addition on the Osgood school building.

The question elicited considerable discussion and it was very ably and favorably presented and espoused by the Chairman of the School Committee, E. P. Collier, Esq., and strongly opposed by the Moderator and others. It was voted in the negative, and by said vote the town will not instruct the school committee to build an addition on the Osgood school building.

The above vote rendered action upon the second part of the article unnecessary.

ARTICLE 5. Will the town choose a committee of three to draw up a set of by-laws, and have them approved by the Superior Court, and present them for acceptance by the town at its annual meeting, in March, 1901?

It was voted under Article 5, That the Selectmen be a committee of three to draw up a set of by-laws, have them approved by the Superior Court and present them to the town at its next annual meeting for acceptance.

ARTICLE 6. To hear and act upon the report of the com-

mittee appointed at the last annual meeting to enlarge the cemetery at North Cohasset.

It was stated to the meeting by the Moderator that owing to the illness of a member of the committee at one time and for other good reasons at other times since the annual meeting, the committee upon the enlargement of the cemetery at North Cohasset were unable to present a report at this time. Mr. James S. Beal, a member of said committee, made a report, verbally, in which he gave his personal views of the situation, but suggested nothing. His personal report was accepted.

Article 7. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to convey the town's interest in Straits Pond to the State Park Commission, or act on anything relating thereto?

It was voted, That the Selectmen be, and they are hereby authorized to convey the town's interest in Straits Pond to the State Park Commission.

Article 8. Will the town authorize the Overseers of the Poor to purchase for the Town a piece of woodland opposite the almshouse on King street, and appropriate a sum of money sufficient for the purpose?

It was voted, That the Overseers of the Poor be, and they are hereby authorized to purchase for the Town a piece of woodland opposite the almshouse, and the sum of $125.00 was appropriated for the purpose.

At the request of the Town's Counsel, B. L. M. Tower, Esq., the 10th Article was next acted upon.

Article 10. Will the town instruct the Selectmen to pay the amount awarded Lillias J. Pratt and John J. A. Pratt by the late Superior Court at Dedham, or act thereon?

B. L. M. Tower stated to the meeting the status of the Pratt case as it now exists, whereby the meeting was enabled to act very intelligently upon the matter, and it was voted that action upon the matter of instructing the Selectmen to

pay the amount awarded Lillias J. Pratt and John J. A. Pratt by the Superior Court at Dedham, be indefinitely postponed.

Then took up Article 9.

ARTICLE 9. Will the town raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of employing a night officer on Jerusalem road and Hull street during the months from May 1 to October 1, or take action relating thereto?

It was voted, That the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of employing a night officer on Jerusalem road and Hull street during the months from May 1 to October 1.

ARTICLE 11. Will the town cause the schoolhouse, now located on Jerusalem road, to be removed and the lot on which it stands disposed of, or act on anything relating thereto?

It was voted, That a committee consisting of Messrs G. T. W. Braman, M. F. Dickinson, Jr., and Harry E. Mapes, be authorized and instructed to remove the building to a suitable location in that vicinity and have it converted into a fire department building, and that the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) be raised and appropriated for that purpose.

ARTICLE 12. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to erect a band stand on the park in front of Edwin Souther's residence, or act on anything relating thereto?

It was voted, That the town will not appropriate a sum of money to erect a band stand on the park in front of Edwin Souther's residence.

ARTICLE 13. Will the town appoint a committee for the purpose of investigating into the subject of the cost of electric lighting, to report at the next annual town meeting, or act on anything relating thereto?

It was voted, That a committee of five disinterested persons be appointed by the Moderator to investigate into the subject

of the cost of electric lighting, to report at the next annual town meeting.

The Moderator stated that he would make the appointments later and the appointees should be duly authorized. The committee appointed were Louis T. Cushing, Char'es W. Gammons, Jason M. Ennice, Herbert L. Brown, and Herbert O. Beale.

It was voted, That the thanks of the meeting be extended to the Moderator for the acceptable performance of the arduous duties of the evening.

The meeting at which the business was transacted was a very full meeting and the platform was quite fully occupied by ladies.

It was voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

NEWCOMB B. TOWER.
Clerk, pro tem.

SPECIAL MEETING

At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Cohasset, held on Thursday, May 31, 1900, at 8 o'clock in the evening, agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same, the several articles in the warrant were acted upon as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Chose Philander Bates, Moderator, by an unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 2. What action will the town take to relieve the crowded condition of the Osgood School?

Voted, That the School Committee be instructed to build an addition to the Osgood School according to the plans sumitted.

Voted, That the sum of $11,000.00 be appropriated to build the addition to the Osgood School, and that the Treas-

urer be authorized to borrow money on eight notes for $1375.00 each, the first note to become due Jan.1, 1903; the second, Jan. 1, 1904; the third, Jan. 1,1905; the fourth, Jan. 1, 1906; the fifth, Jan. 1, 1907; the sixth, Jan. 1, 1908; the seventh, Jan. 1, 1909; the eighth, Jan. 1, 1910.

Voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

MILITARY DUTY.

The number of men in Cohasset liable to perform military duty May 1, 1900 . . . 348

DOGS LICENSED.

The number of dogs licensed in Cohasset from Dec. 1, 1899, to Dec 1, 1900 were:—

Male	138
Female	12
	150

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

ELECTION RECORD.

November 6, 1900.

Number of Registered Voters in Cohasset, 559.
Whole number of ballots cast, 430.

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT AT LARGE IN COHASSET.

Bryan and Stevenson, Dem.	
Thomas Wentworth Higginson, of Cambridge	82
Thomas J. Gargan, of Boston	82
Debs and Harriman, Dem. Social Nom. Paper.	
Charles S. Grieves, of Amesbury	1
Herbert L. Wood, of Brockton	1
Maloney and Remmel, Social Labor Party.	
Patrick O'Keefe, of Salem	0
John A. Henley, of Lynn	0
McKinley and Roosevelt, Rep.	
Roger Wolcott, of Boston	311
William Whiting, of Holyoke	311
Wooley and Metcalf, Pro.	
Edward Kendall, of Cambridge	2
John Bascom of Williamstown	2
Blanks	34

The electors nominated for each of the thirteen districts of the State received the same number of votes as the Electors at Large.

GOVERNOR.

Michael T. Berry, S. L. P., of Haverhill	2
Charles H. Bradley, Dem. S. N. P., of Haverhill	2
W. Murray Crane, Rep., of Dalton	288
John M. Fisher, Pro., of Attleboro	2
Robert Treat Paine, Jr., Dem., of Boston	72
Blanks	64

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

John L. Bates, Rep., of Boston	288
John B. O'Donnell, Dem., of Northampton	71
Wilbur M. Purrington, Pro., of Williamsburg	2
Moritz E. Ruther, S. L. P., of Holyoke	3
George H. Wrenn, Dem. S. N. P., of Springfield	0
Blanks	66

Secretary.

Addison W. Barr, Dem. S. N. P., of Worcester	2
Alfred E. Jones, S. L. P., of Everett	0
William M. Olin, Rep., of Boston	281
William H. Partridge, Pro., of Newton	1
Luther Stephenson, Dem., of Hingham	72
Blanks	74

Treasurer.

Edward S. Bradford, Rep., of Springfield	279
Joseph L. Chalifoux, Dem., of Lowell	65
Napoleon B. Johnson, Pro., of Milford	3
Fred A. Nagler, S. L. P., of Springfield	1
Stephen O'Shaughnessy, Dem. S. N. P., of Boston	2
Blanks	80

Auditor.

Elbridge Gerry Brown, Dem., of Brockton	72
Frank Albin Forsstrom, S. L. P., of Worcester	0
William G. Merrill, Pro., of Malden	8
Henry E. Turner, Rep., of Malden	257
Frank S. Walsh, Dem. S. N. P., of Brockton	2
Blanks	91

Attorney-General.

John A. Billings, Dem. S. N. P., of Rockland	1
Allen Coffin, Pro., of Nantucket	2
John C. Crosby, Dem., of Pittsfield	68
Hosea M. Knowlton, Rep., of New Bedford	280
Frank MacDonald, S. L. P., of Stoneham	0
Blanks	79

Representative in Congress—Twelfth District.

George J. Hunt, S. L. P., of Taunton	1
Charles F. King, Dem., of Holbrook	73
William C. Lovering, Rep., of Taunton	282
Charles E. Lowell, Dem. S. N. P., of Whitman	0
Herman T. Regnell, Pro., of Attleboro	2
Blanks	72

Councillor—First District.

John J. Fox, Dem. S. N. P., of Abington	2
George R. Rigley, S. L. P., of Fall River	1
Henry A. Rosa, Dem., of Fall River	69
David F. Slade, Rep., of Fall River	265
Blanks	93

Senator—First Plymouth District.

Henry O. Cook, S. L. P., of Abington	0
Charles B. Drew, Dem. S. N. P., of Hanover	4
Jacob Hersey, Pro., of Whitman	1
Amos A. Lawrence, Rep., of Cohasset	288
Benjamin F. Peterson, of Whitman	64
Blanks	73

Representative in General Court—Third Plymouth District.

Jason M. Ennice, Dem., of Cohasset	146
Frederick M. Hersey, Rep., of Hingham	226
Frank B. Young, Pro., of Hingham	3
Blanks	55

County Commissioner—Norfolk.

John Cavanaugh, Dem., of Braintree	86
James Hewins, Rep., of Medfield	265
Blanks	79

REGISTER OF DEEDS—NORFOLK COUNTY.

John H. Burdakin, Dem. Rep., of Dedham . .	295
Blanks	135

COUNTY TREASURER—NORFOLK.

Charles H. Smith, Dem. C. N. P., Rep., of Dedham .	236
Blanks	194

CONVENTION OF TOWN CLERK.

On the sixteenth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred, the Town Clerks of Hingham, Cohasset and Hull, said towns comprising the third Plymouth Representative District, assembled at the Town Clerk's room at twelve o'clock M. for the purpose of examining the returns of votes given in, and determining who had been elected to represent said District in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday in January, 1901, proceeded and canvassed said returns and found the ballots given in for the several candidates to be as follows :—

	Hingham.	Cohasset.	Hull.	Totals.
Jason M. Ennis of Cohasset	141	146	51	338
Frederick M. Hersey of Hingham	423	226	120	769
Frank B. Young of Hingham	26	3	8	37
Blanks	100	55	63	218
Totals	690	430	242	1,362

It appearing that Frederick M. Hersey, of Hingham, had received a plurality of the votes given in, a certificate of election was issued to him.

FRED. H. MILLER, *Town Clerk of Hingham.*
HARRY F. TILDEN, *Town Clerk of Cohasset.*
JAMES JEFFREY, *Town Clerk of Hull.*

List of Marriages, Births and Deaths, Registered in Cohasset During the Year 1900.

MARRIAGES.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	WHERE AND BY WHOM MARRIED.
January 17	Walter C. Browne	Cohasset	Married in Cohasset by Rev. E. Victor Bigelow.
	Margaret E. MacKenzie	Cohasset	
January 31	Henry F. Keating	Cohasset	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Walter F. Sweeney.
	Annie A. O'Brien	Cohasset	
February 4	Rufus A. Bates	Cohasset	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
	Lucy E. Vinal	Scituate	
February 27	Arthur Mulvey	Cohasset	Married in Boston by Rev. Jas. H. Woods.
	Carrie Murray	Cohasset	
February 27	John McCarty	Bangor, Me.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William McDonough.
	Mary E. Markwitch	Cohasset	
March 2	Fred L. Litchfield	Scituate	Married in Scituate by Rev. A. D. Spalding.
	Edith L. Whitcomb	Cohasset	
March 10	Anthony J. Smith	Cohasset	Married in Scituate by Rev. A. D. Spalding.
	Belle Freemont Wilder	Norwell	
April 19	George A. Hardwick	Scituate	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Wm. R. Cole.
	Mary A. Joseph	Cohasset	
April 25	Abner McKenzie	Cohasset	Married in Boston by Rev. O. D. Fisher.
	Julia B. Watts	Boston	
May 9	Phillip Iotte	Cohasset	Married in Cohasset by Rev. W. H. McDonough.
	Mary Silvia	Cohasset	
May 30	William T. Litchfield	Cohasset	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Wm. R. Cole.
	Esther T. Munnis	Cohasset	
June 4	Fred C. Blossom	Cohasset	Married in Cohasset by Rev. M. H. Gates.
	Mary M. Ferguson	Cohasset	

MARRIAGES — *Continued.*

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	WHERE AND BY WHOM MARRIED.
June 5	Jeremiah Dalton	Cohasset	Married in Wakefield by Rev. J. F. McNiff.
	Katherine Leban	Reading	
June 5	Daniel Vining	Cohasset	Married in Brookline by Rev. Geo. C. Lorimer.
	Lydia H. Whelpdale Watson	Cohasset	
June 16	John R. Roche	Cohasset	Married in Boston by Rev. John J. Downey.
	Evelyn M. Cooke	Boston	
June 24	George B. Lovering	Scituate	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Wm. H. McDonough.
	Mary A. Brasill	Cohasset	
July 25	Winfield S. Our	Weymouth	Married in Cohasset by Rev. E. Victor Bigelow.
	Jessie W. Studley	Cohasset	
August 4	Lewis G. Bates	Norwell	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
	Jennie Turner	Roxbury	
August 15	William H. Wood, Jr.	Boston	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Wm. R. Cole.
	Helen C. Granger	Boston	
September 3	Rudolph A. Thayer	Cohasset	Married in Brockton by Rev. J. N. Patterson.
	Ada M. Allen	Montello	
September 26	Charles P. Wade	Boston	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Wm. H. McDonough.
	Josephine M. Wherity	Cohasset	
October 17	Herbert E. Bowman	Somerville	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Wm. R. Cole.
	Mary M. Pratt	Cohasset	
October 23	John S. Coy	Quincy	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Wm. R. Cole.
	Abbie Rich Bates	Cohasset	
October 25	Joseph McKay	Cohasset	Married in Somerville by Rev. C. S. Frost.
	Margaret A. Bullock	Cohasset	
October 26	Merton L. Bosworth	Hingham	Married in Hingham by Rev. Cecil Harper.
	Julia M. Beal	Cohasset	

November 6	Richard N. Harre	Cohasset	Married in Cohasset by Rev. M. H. Gates.
	Kate D. Cole	Cohasset	
November 22	Michael F. McAuliffe	Cohasset	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
	Margaret O'Connor	Cohasset	
November 27	Robert L. Cushing	Cohasset	Married in Hingham by Rev. George F. Weld.
	Helen C. Siders	Hingham	
November 29	John H. Playdon	Andover	Married in Andover by Rev. Frederic Palmer.
	Adelaide F. Hanson	Cohasset	
December 18	Harry W. Lincoln	Cohasset	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Wm. H. McDonough.
	Mary J. Downs	Cohasset	
December 27	Fred Parker	Hingham	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Wm. H. McDonough.
	Mary E. Lee	Cohasset	

Thirty-one marriages were registered in Cohasset as per list above, of which nineteen were solemnized in this town. Eighteen grooms and twenty-two brides were residents of Cohasset, while there were but eleven marriages in which both were residents of this town.

HARRY F. TILDEN, *Town Clerk.*

BIRTHS, 1900.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAME	MOTHER'S M. N.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
Jan. 15 . .	Harriet Louisa Bates.	Ellery C. and Julia W.	Treat.	Beechwood St.
Jan. 15 . .	Daniel Edward Sweeney.	Daniel E. and Catherine A.	McCarty.	Pleasant St.
Feb. 6 . .	Isabella Mitchell.	Frank D. and Fillie	Fratus.	Doane St.
Feb. 7 . .	Hazel Lorana Wilson.	Joseph H. and Julia C. M.	Henry.	Pleasant St.
Feb. 12 . .	George Carlos Keene.	Arthur R. and Adelaide A.	Studley.	Atlantic Av.
Feb. 20 . .	——Reddy.	Samuel		
Feb 22 . .	John Murray Hunt.	John W. and Elizabeth A.	Murray.	Jerusalem Rd.
Feb. 22 . .	James William Golden.	Dennis and Mary E.	McDonald.	Margin St.
Mar. 20 . .	John Francis James.	William and Mary.	McDonald.	Highland Av.
Mar. 23 . .	Eva Estella Griffin.	Lester J. and Lulu E.	Denithorne.	Border St.
Mar. 31 . .	Ralph Linwood Wheelwright.	Frank W. and Lillian M.	Stoddard.	Beechwood St.
April 6 . .	Mary Theresa Grassie.	Joseph J. and Margarette	Farrall.	Spring St.
May 15 . .	——McLoy	Charles S. and Emily M.	Welch.	No. Main St.
May 22 . .	Catherine Marion Smith.	John F. and Ellen	Conley.	Border St.
May 23 . .	Alfred Justin Daley.	Bartholomew and Ellen A.	Cronican.	Pleasant St.
May 31 . .	Ellen Catherina Maria Stephen.	Harry L. and ——		Jerusalem Rd.
June 10 . .	Edward Sweeney.	James M. and Della F.	McDonald.	Jerusalem Rd.
June 11 . .	Gladys Viola Sylvester.	Irving F. and Violet	Hiscock.	So. Main St.
June 18 . .	Denis John Desmond.	Andrew and Mary	Lyons.	So. Main St.
June 21 . .	James Richard Smith.	Arthur and Mary B.	Whelan.	So. Main St.
June 30 . .	Dorothy Anna Tower. } Twins.	Thomas and Maria O.	McCloud.	Elm St.
June 30 . .	Velma Lettie Tower. } Twins.			
July 2 . .	Catherine Levitt Pratt.	Ira N. and Sadie L.	Apts.	Beechwood St.
July 11 . .	Adelade Edith Monteiro.	George G and Edith L.	Antoine.	Stockbridge St.
July 22 . .	Mary Josephine Murphy.	John F. and Catherine J.	Glynn.	Jerusalem Rd.
July 24 . .	Daniel Francis Wigemore.	Stephen and Annie M.	Crowley.	Pleasant St.
July 29 . .	Caroline Miriam Peterson.	August F. B. and Miriam C.	Treat.	Atlantic Ave.
Aug. 1 . .	Nellie Joseph Ferreia.	Antoine J. and Maria	Godinho.	Church St.

Aug. 2 . .	Harry Willard Flint.	Frank E. and Marion F.	White.	No. Main St.
Aug. 7 . .	Edwin Park Bates.	Edwin W. and Emma J.	Burbank.	Beechwood St.
Aug. 15 . .	Frances Johnson. } Twins.	Samuel and Josephine.	Forbush.	Jerusalem Rd.
Aug. 15 . .	Ada Johnson. } Twins.			
Aug. 19 . .	Stella May Iotte.	Phillip and Mary L.	Silvia.	Beechwood St.
Aug. 22 . .	Mary Elizabeth Hannafin.	Patrick A. and Mary K.	Moran.	Border St.
Aug. 23 . .	Thomas William Young.	William H. and Sophia	Stanley.	No. Main St.
Aug. 26 . .	Edwin Chester Lord.	Edwin H. and Evaline	Flagg.	Beechwood St.
Aug. 27 . .	Ruth Mildred Fratus.	John W. and Susie M.	Souther.	Beechwood St.
Aug. 30 . .	Walter Brooks Foley.	Michael A. and Harriet A.	Brooks.	Hull St.
Sept. 6 . .	Elizabeth Louise Stevens.	Thomas and Louisa	Clark.	Beechwood St.
Sept. 13 . .	——Cole.	William F. V. and Ellen M.	Sheehan.	Margin St.
Sept. 16 . .	Velma Vinal Bates	Rufus A. and Lucy E	Vinal.	Beechwood St.
Sept. 20 . .	David Joseph Sheehan.	John J. and Mary	Shea.	Smith Place.
Sept. 25 . .	Gladys Lucretia Studley.	Arthur and Cora B.	Reynolds.	Hull St
Oct. 12 . .	Albert Loring Litchfield.	Lwellyn A. and Annie L.	Steele.	Church St.
Oct. 23 . .	James Arthur Clark.	Edgar C. and Elizabeth	Lean.	Hull St.
Oct. 25 . .	Lottie Goodwin Apts.	James W. and Louise L.	Hadley.	Church St.
Nov. 6 . .	Doris Leon Millard.	Guy L. and Frances L.	Murray.	Forest Ave.
Nov. 9 . .	Emanuel Silvia Figueiredo.	Antoine and Mary A.	Silvia.	Border St.
Nov. 15 . .	Bernard Joseph Almeida.	Joseph W. and Alicia M.	Rooney.	Doane St.
Nov. 16 . .	Sargent Francis Collier.	Edmund P. and Ella B.	Sargent.	Highland Ave.
Nov. 27 . .	Alice May Litchfield.	William T. and Esther T.	Munnies.	Beechwood St.
Nov. 28 . .	Johnnie Grassie.	Antoine and Mary A.	Joseph.	Parker Ave.
Dec. 4 . .	Charles Gainford Babbitt.	Samuel M. and Bessie E.	Priest.	Jerusalem Rd.
Dec. 25 . .	Nora Hazel Bullock.	Frank and Bridget J.	Flaherty.	Hull St.
Dec 29 . .	Francis Xavier Valine.	Ernest A. and Argenta C.	Dringley.	Stockbridge St.
Nov. 15, 1893.	Mary Joseph Grassie.	Antoine and Mary A.	Joseph.	Parker Ave.
June 13, 1896.	Pauline Grassie.	Antoine and Mary A.	Joseph.	Parker Ave.
Nov. 26, 1897.	Louisa Grassie.	Antoine and Mary A.	Joseph.	Parker Ave.

The above list contains the names of fifty-five babies born in Cohasset in 1900, and three omitted from previous reports. Of those born in 1900, there were twenty eight males and twenty-seven females, with parentage as follows: American father and American Mother, 31; American father and foreign mother, 7; foreign father and American mother, 7; foreign father and foreign mother, 10.

HARRY F. TILDEN, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS, 1900.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF DEATH.
Jan. 2	Mary J. (Bastianna) Salvador	77	7	5	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Stockbridge St.
Jan. 7	Harry W. Souther	37	1	8	Pneumonia	Spring St.
Jan. 11	Amiel Studley	67	2	2	Pneumonia	Margin St.
Jan. 13	Mary L. (Babson) Lincoln	53	3		Paralysis	Beechwood St.
Jan. 16	(1) John L. Morey	57			Pericarditis	King St.
Jan. 17	Charles F. Tilden	67	3		Paralysis	South Main St.
Jan. 19	Hannah L. Bruce	90	5	17	Old Age	Waltham.
Jan. 20	(2) John Grassie		11	15	Meningitis	Parker Ave.
Jan. 28	Rachel T. Flint	75	8	26	Valvular Disease of Heart	Melrose.
Jan. 28	Marion G. Anderson		5		Tubercular Meningitis	Beechwood St.
Feb. 17	(2) Mary A. (Cassidy) Munnis	40	9	1	Acute Bright's Disease	Beechwood St.
Mar. 1	Harriet (Morse) Hudson	85	6	7	Pneumonia	Jerusalem Rd.
Mar. 1	(3) Leonore Cole		3	5	Peritonitis	Ripley Rd.
Mar. 3	(4) —— Lyons				Stillborn	North Main St.
Mar. 5	George Carlos Keene			21	Immature Development	Beach St.
Mar. 5	George Albert Morse	40	1	11	Pneumonia	Jerusalem Rd.
Mar. 20	Zealous B. Tower	81	2	8	Chronic Cystirrhoea	Beach St.
Mar. 22	Sarah E. Nutting	63	7	8	Diabetes Mellitus	Quincy.
Mar. 24	Lavenier E. White	58			Complication of Diseases	Norwell.
Mar. 25	Henry Collier	82	1	14	Senile Degeneration of Heart	South Main St.
Mar. 29	Galen James	7	9	21	Rheumatic Fever	King St.
Mar. 30	Oren R. Beal	82	5	24	Sarcoma of Neck	Hull St.
Apr. 11	Joseph J. Bates	64	4	3	Supremia	Joy Place.
Apr. 15	Mary Ann (Lincoln) Simmons	81		23	Cerebral Hemorrhage	South Main St.
Apr. 18	Robert B. Pratt	70		24	Perforation of Stomach	South Main St.
Apr. 28	(5) Daniel Bachelder	62			Myocarditis	Boston.
Apr. 28	Thomas D. Blossom	57	11	28	Constriction of Bowels	Border St.

May 2	Henry C. Tower,	69		16	Cerebral Apoplexy	North Main St.
May 8	(6) Nellie F. Murphy,	33	8		Valvular Disease of Heart	Margin St.
May 8	(1) George E. Roche,	8	10	29	Accidental	North Main St.
May 12	Ralph L. Wheelwright,		1	14	Acute Meningitis	Beechwood St.
May 16	(6) Harold S. Currier,	18	7		Accidental	North Main St.
May 21	Eliza J. (Jackman) Litchfield,	67			Broncho Pneumonia	Beechwood St.
May 21	Nettie M. Smith,	28			Phthisis Pulmonaris	Braintree.
May 22	John Sloane,	83	6	3	Crystitis	Elm St.
May 30	Joseph Ennice,	34	9	9	Heart Failure	Chelsea.
June 4	Mary E. Creed,	55	1		Cancer Exhaustion	Cambridge.
June 4	Samuel N. Lincoln,	79	1	2	Senility	Elm St.
June 22	(2) John J. Roderick,	45			Meningitis	Smith Pl.
June 25	(2) Anthony J. Sydney,	2	10	3	Accidental Drowning	Stockbridge St.
June 29	Martha Morse,	72	7	9	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Jerusalem Rd.
July 2	Louis N. Tower,	78	2	21	Heart Disease	Boston.
July 5	Mary C. T. Bourne,	86	10		———	Nahant.
July 12	Marjorie T. Pierce,			28	Inanition	Brockton.
July 24	(1) Charles L. Kittrell,	48	11	1	Heart Disease	Boston.
Aug. 4	——— Earle,				Stillborn	Weymouth.
Aug. 6	Joseph H. Wilson,	37		22	Phthisis	Pleasant St.
Aug. 12	(7) Mary (Parker) Dalton,	72	6		Anterior Polio Myelitis	Jerusalem Rd.
Aug. 16	James B. Woodford, Jr.,	25	6	5	Rheumatic Pericarditis	Atlantic City, N. J.
Aug. 25	Thomas Willcutt,	85	8	12	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Jerusalem Rd.
Sept. 1	Hattie L. Davis,	38	2	2	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Brockton.
Sept. 4	Sarah P. Oakes,	80			Apoplexy	Brookline.
Sept. 10	(8) Bessie B. Brown,	22	10		Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	North Main St.
Sept. 10	Chella W. W. Atwood,	10		24	Diphtheria	Hull.
Oct. 7	Allison I. Miller,			21	Heart Disease	Providence, R. I.
Oct. 11	Lucy N. (Nichols) Bates,	88	4		Old Age	Scituate.
Nov. 1	James L. Battles,	54			Paresis	Bridgewater.
Nov. 11	Anna B. Tower,	55	6		Cancer of Omentum	Boston.
Nov. 14	Elizabeth Stoddard,	77	3	21	Heart Disease	Lynn.

REPORT

—of the—

SELECTMEN.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1900.

The Selectmen would call attention to several items of expenditure which may need explanation. First, the item of law suits which have been settled during the year:

At the annual meeting in March, 1886, the town "voted that the Selectmen be authorized to compromise, settle and pay without a special vote of the town any claim which may be made against the town, where the claim does not exceed the amount of five hundred dollars." In the case of Charles E. Nott and wife, Mr. Nott called on the chairman of our board the next morning after the accident and gave an account of how and where it happened, saying he did not know how badly his wife was hurt—the team and himself were practically uninjured. While not admitting the town's liability, he was asked to let the matter rest for a while and see how his wife was, and whatever was right and proper for the town to do in the case would be done. They concluded to make a formal claim for damages. The amount was ascertained, and in accordance with the above vote steps were taken to settle it without a suit, but failed. The cases were tried and verdict rendered in favor of the town.

In the Pratt cases Mr. Pratt did not give notice of the accident, and we naturally supposed from what we heard of it no great harm was done. No notice was given until Aaron Pratt, Esq., filed notice of a claim for damages for John J. A. Pratt and his daughter. Declining to admit the town's

liability, but being willing to do what was fair and right under the circumstances rather than have a suit, we inquired what the amount of the claim was, and received for reply: "Seeing you don't admit liability, let twelve men decide." Their cases were tried and verdict rendered in favor of the complainants, the Judge saying to counsel he considered loose gravel placed upon a road an obstruction. We will not comment on the evidence given at the trial or the amount of the award, but leave the verdict to the unbiased judgment of the people who are acquainted with the circumstances.

The next item is Base Ball Field. At a special meeting held in April the town voted to instruct its Selectmen to procure a suitable place and put it in shape for the young men and boys to play on. The only available land near was the lot leased of E. E. Ellms. It had to be graded, and required the moving of considerable material, the building of a screen at the southerly end, and when completed was entirely satisfactory to those who used it. Then the young men of Beechwood came to the Selectmen and asked that a field might be hired for them, saying one could be secured for twenty-five dollars and they would do what work was needed to put it in shape without any cost to the town. Their request seemed reasonable and was granted. No appropriation was made for this expenditure.

Next is the item for Metropolitan Parks. The State Park Commissioners notified the town of a hearing to be held to determine the amount each city and town included in the Park District should be assessed. The hearing occupied several days, and the town was represented, as other towns and cities were, by counsel.

The miscellaneous account would not have exceeded the appropriation but for the expense of renewing policies, and additional policies on the Osgood school building.

The street watering plant was moved from Spring street

to its present location on Border street, near Mill Bridge, as there was a scarcity of water at Spring street and an abundance at the bridge, so the tank can always be kept full. The manner of raising the money to defray the expense of street watering should be changed. It has always been raised partly by subscriptions by the persons contracting to do the watering. We would recommend this change: The Assessors, in making their annual visitation, should leave with each householder living on the streets usually watered, a slip properly arranged in which each one could mark the amount they were willing to contribute towards this expense, to be returned to the assessors at once, and have the amount put upon their tax bills and paid to the Town Treasurer. An article will be placed in the annual town warrant for this purpose.

The expenditures for highways and state road will be explained in the report of the Superintendent of Streets.

EXPENDITURES.

Town of Cohasset for the Year ending December 31, 1900, by the Selectmen.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' RELIEF.

Margaret Nott.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$48 00

Emily N. Phinney.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	72 00

Leander W. Groce.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		$108 00

Mrs. Eliza J. Litchfield.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$20 16	
Lot W. Bates, house rent .	40 00	
Elmer E. Bates, milk .	19 56	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., attendance . . .	11 00	
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance . . .	26 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	24 46	
Almshouse, wood . .	22 50	
George K. Nickerson, meat	10 13	
Mrs. T. W. Whitcomb, nursing . . .	10 00	
		$183 81

Mrs. James Rooney and family.

Paid Caleb F. Nichols, agent, house rent . . .	$60 00	
O. H. Howe, M. D., attendance	22 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal	9 00	
P. Bates, boots . .	1 30	
		$92 30

Isaac H. Tower and family.

Paid C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance . . .	$49 00	
P. Bates, boots . .	5 95	
		$54 95

Mrs. Oliver D. Morey and child.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		$226 00
Total Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief .		$785 06

STATE AID.

Harriet J. Apts.	
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	$48 00
Martha Barnes.	
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	48 00
Clarinda R. Bennett.	
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	48 00
Frederick N. Curtis.	
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	60 00
Susan Curtis.	
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	48 00
Leander W. Groce.	
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	55 00
Alfred Haskell.	
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	58 00
Selectmen for W. F. Harris.	
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	48 00
Eliza J. Litchfield.	
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	16 00
Rosa A. DeSantos.	
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	28 00
Warren Newcomb.	
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	18 00
Bardin A. Prouty.	
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	48 00
Delia Rooney.	
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	48 00
Total amount of State Aid . . .	$571 00

MILITARY AID.

Robert L. Curtis.	
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	$112 00

Willie F. Thayer.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	$72 00

Isaac H. Tower.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	28 00

Warren Newcomb.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	80 00
Total Military Aid	$292 00

One half to be reimbursed by the state.

HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS.

Paid orders of Superintendent of Streets . $10,682 19

A detailed list of payments may be found in the Superintendent's report on page 100.

STATE ROAD—THIRD SECTION.

Paid orders of Superintendent of Streets . $4,673 61

A detailed list of payments may be found in the Superintendent's report on page 104.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid orders of the Fire Engineers . . $1,110 49

The report of the Fire Engineers may be found on page 108.

NIGHT POLICE.

Paid Thomas Mannix . .	$726 00	
J. William Edwards .	730 00	
Sidney L. Beal . .	370 00	
Manuel P. Valine . .	32 00	
Andrew H. Prouty . .	4 00	
		$1,862 00

SCHOOL APPROPRIATION.

Paid Treasurer of School Committee . .	$13,300 00
Treasurer of School Committee, Income from Ripley Fund	40 40
Treasurer of School Committee, net proceeds of dog licenses . . .	296 82
	$13,637 22

The report of the School Committee may be found on page 119.

ENLARGEMENT OF OSGOOD SCHOOLHOUSE.

Paid Treasurer of School Committee, appropriation	$11,000 00

PRINTING.

Paid Weymouth & Braintree Pub. Co., reports . .	$187 60	
Weymouth & Braintree Pub. Co., notices and warrants . . .	22 75	
A. D. Spaulding, ballots .	3 00	
H. M. Dolbeare, assessors' notices	2 20	
Geo. W. Southworth, assessors' blanks . . .	6 83	
Geo. H. Ellis, list of poll tax payers . . .	16 25	
Cotton & Gould, tax bills, stationery, etc. . .	43 85	

Paid Souther Bros., list of voters, etc. . . .	$31 50	
Harry F. Tilden, amount paid	8 20	
		$322 18

TREE WARDEN.

Paid orders of Tree Warden . . . $139 25

The report of the Tree Warden may be found on page 117.

INSPECTION OF CATTLE AND PROVISIONS.

Paid Darius W. Gilbert, V. S., to April 1, 1901 . .	$75 00	
Caleb F. Nichols . .	125 00	
		$200 00

LIGHTING STREETS.

Paid Treasurer of Cohasset Electric Co. . $5,060 00

STREET WATERING.

Paid Samuel D. Tower, painting water cart . .	$24 00	
Antoine E. Salvador, moving building . .	140 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, gasolene, etc . .	57 55	
F. E. Whitney, repairs on pump	20 65	
Frank D. Grassie, painting tank	4 00	
Henry E. Brennock, labor on tank . . .	1 50	

Paid William J. Brennock, glazing in pump house .	$1 25	
Tilden Carriage Co., iron work	4 29	
Daniel N. Tower, superintending moving water plant, etc. . . .	31 10	
Hingham Water Co., water	148 00	
Est. Alden Beal, watering	300 00	
Harry F. Tilden, "	700 00	
		$1,432.34

Credit.

Received from Harry F. Tilden for use of water cart	$35 00	
		$1,397.34

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Est. Alden Beal, 1899 bill	$68 75
Est. Alden Beal, bill .	18 50
Joseph Jason and others	57 50
Edwin W. Bates and others	7 50
William O. Souther and others	45 00
Samuel E. Pratt and others	26 89
Harry F. Tilden and others	68 50
Thomas L. Bates and others	33 00
Andrew H. Prouty and others	16 11
Alson S. Richardson and others	4 49

Paid George A. Henry and others	$5 75	
Franklin Stoddard	1 25	
Almshouse	8 50	
L. Lincoln Worrick and others	4 00	
Tilden Carriage Co., repairing snow plow	9 20	
Priscilla L. Collier, damage to fence	5 00	
		$379 94

TOWN HALL.

Paid Cohasset Electric Co., lighting	$422 60	
William T. Tilden, janitor	450 00	
Edgar W. Bates, lamps	12 50	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal	238 86	
Second Congregational Society, settees	24 00	
Est. Allen C. Bates, sundries	17 33	
Henry E. Brennock, labor on boiler	4 00	
William J. Brennock, painting	1 25	
William T. Tilden, sundries	3 90	
		$1,174 44

Credit.

Received for rent of Hall	$335 00	
care of Public Library, etc.	100 00	
		$435 00
		$739 44

LAWSUITS.

Paid Tower & North, counsel fees and expenses, Nott case	$155 61	
Witness fees, Nott case .	72 10	
		$227 71
Tower & North, counsel fees and expenses, Pratt case	$177 73	
Tower, Talbot & Hiler, counsel fees and expenses .	101 50	
Tower, Talbot & Hiler, finding of Court, Pratt case	1,444 70	
Witness fees, Pratt case .	40 00	
		$1,763 93
		$1,991 64

UNIFORMS FOR NIGHT POLICE.

Paid A. Shuman & Co., suits .	$99 55	
Allen Bros., badges . . .	4 05	
		$103 60

WATER FOR HYDRANTS.

Paid Cohasset Water Co. .	$2650 00	
Hingham Water Co. . .	125 00	
		$2775 00

ABATEMENTS.

Paid from tax list 1895 . .	$ 88	
from tax list 1896 . .	97	
from tax list 1897 . .	2 90	
from tax list 1898 . .	2 00	
from tax list 1899 . .	11 88	
from tax list 1900 . .	44 82	
		$63 45

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid Treasurer of the Commonwealth, State Tax . .	$3,105 00	
Treasurer of Norfolk County, County Tax .	$5,082 59	
		$8,187 59

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Vining & Matthews, advertising . . .	$40 00	
Warren F. Snow, Metallic Casket	25 00	
Expense incurred in disinfecting	35 00	
O. H. Howe, M. D., services	3 00	
Andrew H. Prouty, burying animals . . .	4 00	
Sidney L. Beal, burying animals	1 00	
Manuel L. Botalio, labor at James' Brook . .	12 50	
Philander Bates, services .	15 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, services	10 00	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., vaccination . . .	7 00	
Herbert E. Fernald, M. D., vaccination . . .	4 00	
		$156 50

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Paid Treasurer of Cohasset Public Library . . .	$850 00	
Treasurer of Nantasket Public Library . .	100 00	
		$950 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid William F. Thayer, Quartermaster Post 98, G. A. R.		$100 00

STRAITS POND.

Paid Nutter, Barnes & Co., shaft, etc. . . .	$14 50	
Henry E. Brennock, labor	12 10	
J. William Edwards, labor	2 50	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber	1 76	
H. L. Willard, Jr., team	4 50	
Tilden Carriage Co., iron work	3 15	
Alfred Beal, care of gate .	75 00	
		$113 51

BALL FIELDS.

Paid George Jason, teams and men	$234 45	
Joseph Jason, teams and men	109 37	

Paid George L. Davenport, engineering . . .	$144 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, etc. . . .	69 47	
Iver Johnson & Co., bases, etc.	10 75	
George A. Sylvia, labor .	43 50	
George M. Ennice, labor .	34 78	
George A. Henry, labor .	7 33	
Manuel L. Botalio, labor .	4 50	
Manuel P. Valine, labor .	32 12	
Harry F. Tilden, team .	37 50	
Est. Allen C. Bates, bucket, etc. . . .	55	
Caleb Lothrop, agent, rent of field	87 50	
Aaron Pratt, rent of field .	25 00	
		$840 82

ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAW.

Paid A. E. Busteed, services and expenses . .	$418 51	
Johnson & Johnson, as counsel . . .	115 00	
Andrew H. Prouty, care of seized liquors . .	27 50	
		$561 01

METROPOLITAN PARK.

Paid Tower & North, services as counsel .	$161 15

ENLARGEMENT OF BEECHWOOD CEMETERY.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, Treasurer . .	$1,000 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Philander Bates, services and expenses as Selectman and Assessor . .	$383 84
Philander Bates, services and expenses on Corporation and Bank Taxes .	18 89
Joseph S. Bigelow, services as Selectman and Assessor . . .	125 00
Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses as Selectmen and Assessor .	331 80
Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses on Corporation and Bank Taxes	15 75
Abraham H. Tower, Treasurer	200 00
Abraham H. Tower, Collector of Taxes . .	200 00
Harry F. Tilden, Town Clerk	75 00
Harry F. Tilden, Clerk of Registrars of Voters .	20 00
John L. Pratt, Registrar of Voters	20 00
Edward E. Ellms, Registrar of Voters . .	20 00

Paid Thomas W. Doyle, Registrar of Voters . .	$20 00
Wentworth J. Earl, Auditor	25 00
Paul J. Bates, Sealer of Weights and Measures .	50 00
Joseph Jason, Jr., Harbor Master	25 00
John M. Damon, Election Officer, 1899 and 1900 .	7 00
Edward E. Wentworth, Constable, 1899 . .	48 50
Edward E. Wentworth, Special Constable, 1899,	12 00
Edward E. Wentworth, Election Officer, 1899 .	3 50
Edward E. Wentworth, Constable . . .	57 00
Edward E. Wentworth, Special Constable . .	12 00
Edward E. Wentworth, Election Officer . .	3 50
John Roche, Constable .	45 00
John Roche, Special Constable	5 00
John Roche, Election Officer	3 50
A. Bradford Litchfield, Constable . . .	113 00
A. Bradford Litchfield, Special Constable . .	13 00
Thomas Mannix, Constable	40 00
Thomas Mannix, Special Constable . . .	9 00
Sidney L. Beal, Constable	61 50

Paid Sidney L. Beal, Special Constable . . .	$52 00	
Manuel S. Enos, Constable	35 00	
Manuel S. Enos, Special Constable . . .	12 00	
Manuel P. Valine, Special Police	36 00	
Andrew H. Prouty, Special Police	76 00	
		$2,174.78

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Samuel D. Tower, posts and signs, . . .	$34 50
Warren F. Snow, return of deaths, 1899 . .	6 75
Warren F. Snow, return of deaths, . . .	8 00
Luther J. Bates, distributing reports, . .	7 00
William E. Morrissey, on account J. Sheridan .	9 36
Thomas Mannix, court fees,	3 15
Charles C. Smith, lodging travelers . . .	3 00
Herbert L. Washburn, lodging travelers . .	12 00
John Beale, use of derrick,	15 63
Edward E. Wentworth, posting warrants, 1899 .	6 00
Edward E. Wentworth, court fees, 1899 . .	25 00

Paid Edward E. Wentworth, court fees . . .	$40 76
Abby H. Souther, postage	33 34
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., return of births . .	5 25
Harry F. Tilden, administering oaths, 1899 .	5 75
Harry F. Tilden, team for Constables . . .	5 00
Harry F. Tilden, team for Town Clerk . . .	4 00
Harry F. Tilden, team for Selectmen . . .	5 50
Harry F. Tilden, team for Assessors . . .	10 00
Charles E. Tyrer, labor on Common . . .	80 50
Thomas Mulcahy, labor on Common . . .	50 00
Benjamin F. Morse, mowing Common and schoolhouse lawn . . .	45 25
Henry R. Nickerson, fishways	5 50
E. L. Burdakin, copy of real estate transfers .	10 00
Tower Bros. & Co., repairs on mower, etc. . .	29 30
Tower Bros. & Co., for flagstaff halliards . .	3 05
J. William Edwards, labor on flagstaff . . .	4 50
Cohasset Water Co., labor on fountains . .	6 00
C. H. Lovell, paper . .	4 50

Paid Expense of Committee to Washington on account harbor improvement .	$50 00
Harry W. Lincoln, painting bridges . . .	24 75
Fred C. Blossom, painting bridges . . .	24 75
Tower Bros. & Co., paint for bridges . . .	23 06
Leroy Mott, use of float-stage	5 00
H. L. Willard, Jr., team for Constables . .	7 00
Manuel L. Botalio, labor on Town Hall sheds .	5 25
John F. Turner, Gillis case	16 50
Caleb Lothrop, Agent, insurance . . .	371 25
B. Preston Clark, for Beach Committee . . .	25 98
Mannel P. Valine, labor on mill-dam . . .	1 00
Geo. Young, care of gate, Nichols ave. . . .	12 00
Nathaniel W. Treat, draining pond, At. ave. .	25 60
Nathaniel Treat, Jr., draining pond, At. ave. .	8 00
Cohasset Central Cemetery Ass'n, care old cemetery	55 00
Herbert E. Fernald, M. D., return of births . .	7 75
Town of Peabody, list for Assessors . . .	4 50

Paid Tilden Carriage Co., repairing chains at Common, etc. . . .	$30 90
Tilden Carriage Co., Mill Bridge . . .	1 50
Est. Allen C. Bates, fountains, etc. . . .	5 20
Est. Allen C. Bates, Common	5 81
Est. Allen C. Bates, town clock	35
William T. Tilden, care of town clock . . .	30 00
William T. Tilden, labor on voting booths . .	4 00
William T. Tilden, labor on sheds	3 75
Harry F. Tilden, recording births	32 00
Harry F. Tilden, recording deaths. . . .	13 00
Harry F. Tilden, recording marriages . . .	6 20
Harry F. Tilden, one deposition	50
Harry F. Tilden, transmitting certificates . .	1 00
Harry F. Tilden, issuing permits . . .	6 00
Harry F. Tilden, administering oaths . . .	3 75
Harry F. Tilden, paid expressing . . .	1 80
Philander Bates, paid expressing . . .	3 25

Paid William G. McDonald, damage to team . .	$5 00	
Charles E. Nott, carting ladders for painters .	1 50	
Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., return of births .	2 00	
		$1,303 49

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

December 31, 1900.

OSGOOD SCHOOLHOUSE DEBT.

Cohasset Savings Bank, note due, 1901 old issue	$3,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, note due, 1902 old issue	3,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, note due, 1903 new issue	1,375 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, note due, 1904 new issue	1,375 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, note due, 1905, new issue	1,375 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, note due, 1906, new issue	1,375 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, note due, 1907, new issue	1,375 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, note due, 1908, new issue	1,375 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, note due, 1909, new issue	1,375 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, note due, 1910, new issue	1,375 00

FUNDED DEBT OF 1893.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, note due, 1901	$3,400 00

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, note due, 1902	$3,400 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, note due, 1903	3,400 00
DEMAND LOAN.	
Cohasset Savings Bank, 4 notes of 1896	$14,500 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, 2 notes of 1897	10,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, bridge notes of 1897	3,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, 3 notes of 1898	10,000 00
Total interest bearing debt	$64,700 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

December 31, 1900.

Due from Commonwealth for State and Military aid	$717 00
City of Boston	246 32
City of Cambridge	67 60
Town of Hingham	139 37
Town of Hull	38 16
Charles H. Willard	573 37
Julia A. Glynn	105 96
Frank E. Salvedor	40 00
Pumping plant, Border street	1,000 00
Water Cart	300 00
Steam Roller	2,750 00
Balance in the treasury	11,866 04
	$17,843 82
Total debt of Town	$64,700 00
Deduct assets	17,843 82
Net debt	$46,856 18

RECAPITULATION—1900.

ITEMS.	ORDERS DRAWN.	CREDITS.	NET EXPENDITURES.	APPROPRIATIONS.	WITH NO APPROPRIATION.	EXCESS OF APPROPRIATION.	LESS THAN APPROPRIATION.
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	$785 06		$785 06	$900 00			$114 94
State Aid	571 00	$571 00					
Military Aid	292 00	146 00	146 00	185 00			39 00
Highways and Sidewalks .	10,682 19		10,682 19	10,000 00		$682 19	
State Road, Third Section .	4,673 61	3,962 66	710 95		$710 95		
Fire Department	1,110 49		1,110 49	1,200 00			89 51
Night Police	1,862 00		1,862 00	1,900 00			38 00
Support of Schools . . .	13,637 22		13,637 22	13,637 22			
Osgood Schoolhouse, Enlargement of	11,000 00		11,000 00	11,000 00			
Printing	322 18		322 18	275 00		47 18	
Tree Warden	139 25		139 25	150 00			10 75
Inspection of Cattle and Provisions	200 00		200 00	250 00			50 00
Lighting Streets	5,060 00		5,060 00	5,080 00			20 00
Watering Streets . . .	1,432 34	35 00	1,397 34	1,500 00			102 66
Removing Snow, . . .	379 94		379 94	500 00			120 06
Town Hall	1,174 44	435 00	739 44	600 00		139 44	
Law Suits	1,991 64		1,991 64		1,991 64		

Police Uniforms	103 60		103 60	100 00		3 60	
Water for Hydrants . .	2,775 00		2,775 00	2,525 00		250 00	
Abatements	63 45		63 45		63 45		
State and County Taxes .	8,187 59		8,187 59	8,187 59			
Board of Health	156 50		156 50	200 00			43 50
Public Libraries	950 00		950 00	950 00			
Memorial Day	100 00		100 00	100 00			
Straits Pond	113 51		113 51	100 00		13 51	
Ball Fields	840 82		840 82		840 82		
Enforcement of Liquor Law	561 01		561 01	500 00		61 01	
Metropolitan Park . . .	161 15		161 15		161 15		
Town Officers	2,174 78		2,174 78	2,200 00			25 22
Miscellaneous	1,303 49		1,303 49	1,000 00		303 49	
Support and Relief of Poor	9,162 38	1,828 10	7,334 28	6,000 00		1,334 28	
Beechwood Cemetery, Enlargement of	1,000 00		1,000 00	1,000 00			
Totals	$82,966 64	$6,977 76	$75,988 88	$70,039 81	$3,768 01	$2,834 70	$653 64

Respectfully Submitted,

PHILANDER BATES,
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

COHASSET, December 31, 1900.

ESTIMATES.

Amounts estimated by the Selectmen required to meet the expenses of the town for the year 1901 :—

For payment of debt	$6,400 00
Payment of interest	3,000 00
Support of schools	14,000 00
Support and relief of poor	7,000 00
Highways and sidewalks	9,000 00
Electric lights	5,120 00
Water for hydrants, etc.	2,775 00
Watering streets	1,400 00
Soldiers' and sailors' relief	800 00
Town officers	2,200 00
Night police	1,900 00
Fire department	1,000 00
Removing snow	500 00
Public libraries	1,150 00
Memorial day	100 00
Printing	300 00
Military aid	150 00
Inspection of cattle	100 00
Town Hall	700 00
Board of health	200 00
Tree warden	300 00
On account iron bridge	1,000 00
Incidentals	1,000 00
Straits pond	100 00
	$60,195 00

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Valuation of real estate, May 1, 1899 .	$2,861,469 00
Valuation of personal estate, May 1, 1899 .	2,026,575 00
Total valuation, May 1, 1899 . .	$4,888,044 00
Valuation of real estate, May 1, 1900 .	$2,943,457 00
Valuation of personal estate, May 1, 1900	2,606,805 00
Total valuation, May 1, 1900 . .	$5,550,262 00
Increase of real estate, May 1, 1900 . .	$81,988 00
Increase of personal estate, May 1, 1900 .	580,230 00
Total increase in valuation, May 1. 1900	$662,218 00
Number of polls, May 1, 1900 . . .	639
Additional polls, to November 1, 1900 . .	16
State tax, 1900	$3,105 00
County tax, 1900	5,082 59
Town grant, 1900	47,295 00
Overlayings, 1900	1,298 03
Total tax assessed, 1900 . . .	$56,780 62
Tax rate per $1,000, 1900	$10 00
Number persons assessed, 1900 . . .	1,098
Number of persons assessed on property, May 1, 1900	884
Number of persons assessed poll tax only, 1900	214
Population, June 1, 1900, U. S. Census .	2,759
Number dwellings assessed, 1900 . . .	656

Number of horses assessed, 1900 . . .	455
Number of cows assessed, 1900 . . .	234
Number of neat cattle assessed, 1900 . .	42
Number of swine assessed, 1900 . . .	25
Number of fowl assessed, 1900 . . .	1,951
Number of bicycles assessed, 1900 . .	308

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN

During the year 1900.

February, John E. F. Frates, Supreme Judicial Court.
March, Isaac W. Beal, Grand Juror.
March, Israel N. Small, Superior Court.
March, William C. Appleton, Superior Court.
April, Wentworth J. Earl, Superior Court.
August, Manuel P. Valine, Superior Court.
September, Ralph B. Williams, Superior Court.
November, Arthur S. Bates, Superior Court.
December, Joshua F. Higgins, Superior Court.

LIST OF JURORS

Submitted to the town by the Selectmen for its acceptance or revision at the annual meeting to be held March, 1901.

Abraham J. Antoine,
Augustus S. Burgess,
Benjamin F. Morse,
Brooks Frothingham,
Burgess C. Tower,
David N. Pratt,
Edward C. Tower,
Edward E. H. Souther,

Edwin W. Bates,
Ephraim Snow, Jr.,
Francis Beal,
Frank W. Wheelwright,
Frederick G. James,
Frederick L. Lincoln,
George L. Davenport,
George W. Collier,
George W. Groce,
George W. Kimball,
Herbert A. Tilden,
Irving L. Blossom,
John E. Bird,
Henry L. McMahon,
Henry R. Nickerson,
James O. McCormack,
John J. A. Pratt,
John J. Grassie,
J. Loring Litchfield,
John Roche,
Joseph W. Whitcomb,
Lewellyn A. Litchfield,
Manuel E. Salvador,
Orlando Curtis,
Sanford L. Damon,
Thomas A. Rich,
Thomas F. Kinsley,
Thomas L. Grassie,
Thomas W. Doyle,
Waldo C. Locke,
William E. Crocker,
William H. Bates, Jr.,
Willie F. Thayer,
William R. Sears,
William W. Bates.

Report of the

Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The disbursements for the relief of the poor have been exceptionally large during the past year, which will be noticed by a perusal of the following report:

Many causes have combined to bring about this result, and it is difficult to attribute any special one as particularly prominent. Of course, there have been several cases where assistance has previously been granted which required none during the past year, but with new cases and increased requirements from the remaining old ones, and with the purchase of a wood lot for $125.00, which amount is included in the account, the total amount is unprecedented, although in the year 1888 it nearly equalled it.

Just how best to administer needed assistance to the worthy poor is still an unsolved problem, but where a different method from that pursued in many cases might be an advantage—and by this a Home for the Poor wherein all might be taken and be better cared for than by the present system of renting so many private houses, for which there was paid nearly $750.00 rent, is in mind—such a course is at this time wholly impracticable. The present almshouse is wholly inadequate for the purpose, and in any building, we think, bearing the name of almshouse, the best results from disbursed charity can never be fully realized.

It has been with great reluctance that many—we cannot

say all—of those who have been assisted have applied to your overseers, and only through the peremptory demands of actual distress have they done so. To such the town of Cohasset begrudges not, we know, necessary aid and encouragement.

A statement of expenditures and receipts follows :—

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT, DEBIT.

Paid George W. Tinkham, Superintendent . . .	$600 00
George O. Higgins & Son, groceries, 1899 . .	56 06
George O. Higgins & Son., groceries . . .	40 56
Joseph St. John, groceries	168 11
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	2 80
Philander Bates, boots, etc.	27 51
Harry F. Tilden, grain, etc.	192 73
Harry F. Tilden, team .	26 50
Est. Harry W. Souther, Daily Globe . . .	2 00
Souther Bros., Daily Globe	4 00
Adaline F. Staples, wood lot	125 00
Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance . .	71 00
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., attendance . . .	18 50
Herbert E. Fernald, M. D., attendance . . .	9 00
Frank W. Browne, medicines	35 73

Paid Warren F. Snow, undertaker	$103 50
Tower Bros. & Co., fencing Pond street pasture .	19 30
Tower Bros. & Co., groceries, etc. . . .	158 18
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	70 16
Cohasset Clothing Co., goods	24 13
Gross & Nichols, groceries	151 38
H. L. Willard, Jr., team .	6 50
Massachusetts Ploughman	2 00
Charles E. McKenzie, smithing	19 25
Frank E. Winslow, provisions	163 87
Est. Frances H. Nichols, dry goods . . .	60 47
Arthur H. Thayer, meats	60 16
Cohasset Central Cemetery Association, grave .	3 00
John Todd, Hingham, grave	4 00
George K. Nickerson, meats	89 72
Tilden Carriage Co., repairs	43 40
Est. Allen C. Bates, tinware, etc. . . .	20 58
Danforth P. Sylvester, fish, etc.	39 06
Joseph E. Grassie, fish, etc.	58 84
Cohasset Supply Co., butter	1 50
Alban D. Gillis, smithing	16 95
Henry Cushing, Hingham, repairing harnesses .	16 75

Paid Seaverns & Spear, furniture	$20 91
Arthur A. Davenport, wood	55 25
Burleigh Bates, labor .	39 50
Patrick Keef, labor . .	12 00
Charles E. Tyrer, labor .	2 25
Herbert Bates, labor .	6 00
Mr. Wilson, labor . .	6 00
Isaac L. Morey, labor .	4 50
L. E. Belcher and others, stock	90 25
Rockland Baker, bread, etc.	9 01
East Weymouth Baker, bread, etc. . . .	5 00
Cobb & Aldrich, goods .	19 73
Mrs. H. Bowditch, nursing	5 00
Cohasset Sentinel, advertising	2 00
Otis Bishop, filing saws .	3 25
Thomas Kelly, table .	7 50
E. R. Loud, South Weymouth, stove . .	7 00
Harry White, fish . .	2 60
Thomas Hollis, disinfectants	4 00
Litchfield's Express . .	3 75
George H. Bates, pigs .	8 00
Cohasset Greenhouses, plants	4 00
Samuel Nichols, provisions	3 50
Mr. Merritt, repairing lawn-mower	75
Thomas W. Whitcomb, butchering, etc. . .	9 50

Paid Joseph Breck & Sons, seeds, etc. . . .	$7 86	
Joseph DeSantos, labor .	1 75	
R. H. White & Co., dry goods	7 49	
L. Lincoln Worrick, use of stock . . .	$5 00	
Charles H. Hackett, wood	5 00	
George Bumford, eggs .	3 12	
Alden Bates, whitewashing	3 00	
W. H. Drindry, nursing .	17 50	
Emil Huft, nursing .	26 50	
Samuel G. James, use of stock	2 00	
Grassie and Salvador, fish	7 00	
Cyrus R. Keene, nursery stock	4 50	
Miss L. A. Smith, millinery	1 60	
N. Y. & B. Despatch Co., expressing . . .	3 50	
Emma Barnes, washing .	4 10	
Geo. W. Pinkham, sundry bills	15 70	
Philander Bates, services .	30 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, services	27 50	
Joseph S. Bigelow, services	15 00	
Almshouse debit . .		$3,031 57

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT, CREDIT.

Received of H. Hobill, fowl .	$35 55	
Joseph Busig, milk and eggs	11 44	

Received of F. E. Winslow and others, stock . .	$100 00	
F. E. Winslow, produce .	27 61	
Miss Collier, potatoes .	3 75	
Timothy S. Gale, potatoes	5 00	
Benjamin F. Morse, potatoes	2 25	
Mrs. William Keef, potatoes	2 75	
Patrick Keef, potatoes .	1 00	
Manuel R. Sylvia, posts .	3 60	
Mrs. E. J. Litchfield, wood	22 50	
Mrs. Louisa Burbank, wood	24 00	
Louis J. Frates, wood .	16 50	
Thomas Roche, wood .	4 00	
Superintendent of Streets, wood	7 00	
Russell B. Murrey, pasturage	6 00	
Mrs. Sarah McCormack, pasturage . . .	12 00	
George Jason, pasturage .	31 00	
Sundry sales . . .	10 84	
Abraham H. Tower, trustee, for board of John J. Lothrop . . .	135 81	
William F. Harris, U. S. pension and State Aid, for board . . .	192 00	
Removing snow . .	8 50	
Board of 502 tramps .	200 80	
Almshouse credit .		$863 90

Almshouse debit brought forward	$3,031 57	
Almshouse credit brought forward	863 90	
Almshouse debit, net .		$2,167 67

The following persons have been inmates of the almshouse during the full year 1900:

Michael Sweeney,
William C. Hayden,
John J. Lothrop, boarder,
Wm. F. Harris, boarder,
Hester A. Harris, minor,
Edgar D. Harris, minor.

The following persons have been inmates of the almshouse during a portion of 1900 only:

Elizabeth Hudson,
Lillian F. Litchfield and infant,
Amiel Studley,
Albert H. Burdick,
John L. Morey,
John J. Veary, minor.

NUMBER OF TRAMPS LODGED.

January .	65	May .	32	September .	16
February .	60	June .	10	October . .	34
March . .	64	July .	12	November .	42
April . .	70	August	13	December .	84
Total for 1900					502

ASSISTANCE RENDERED OUTSIDE THE ALMS-HOUSE.

DURING THE YEAR 1900.

Paid Mrs. William Dean		$20 00
Paid Carrie A. Litchfield for her child . .		$5 00
Paid Mrs. Marianna Anderson on account of board of three grandchildren . .		$180 00
Ephraim Battles and wife.		
Paid orders on Town treasurer	$307 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	37 85	
		$344 85
James L. Battles.		
Paid to Commonwealth, board. . . .		$121 60
Mrs. Mary de Mello and child.		
Paid Tower Bros. & Co., coal, etc.	$17 40	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., attendance . . .	4 00	
		$21 40
Mrs. George Damon and child.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$150 00	
O. H. Howe, M. D., attendance . . .	15 75	
C. F. Nichols, agent, house rent	9 75	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	5 18	
Philander Bates, boots .	3 65	
		$184 33

Southward Pratt.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$131 00	
Philander Bates, boots .	4 45	
O. H. Howe, M. D., attendance . . .	2 00	
		$137 45

Antoine Fareira.

Paid H. E. Fernald, M. D., attendance	$30 50	
Frank W. Browne, medicines . . .	1 50	
		$32 00

Mary McGrath.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer for her son . .	$30 00	
Philander Bates, boots .	14 55	
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance . . .	10 00	
		$54 55

Joseph F. Bandura and family.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	$330 00

Mrs. Gertrude Carlson and child.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$39 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . . .	4 72	
Philander Bates, boots .	75	
		$44 47

Clayton S. Williams and family.

Paid Town of Stoughton	$61 00

Mrs. Emma Barnes.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$25 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	6 52	
		$31 52

Mrs. Julia E. Sylvia and family.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$72 00	
Town of Needham . .	12 25	
		$84 25

John Sylvia, wife and child.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$103 00	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., attendance . . .	8 75	
		$111 75

Mrs. John M. Smith.

Paid H. E. Fernald, M. D., attendance .		$23 50

Joseph H. Wilson and family.

Paid Joseph St. John, groceries	$124 50	
Arthur H. Thayer, meat .	34 40	
Philander Bates, boots .	16 80	
Cohasset Clothing Co., goods	1 50	
Tower Bros & Co., coal .	10 55	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., attendance . . .	82 25	
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance . . .	13 00	
Harry W. Burbank, watching	8 00	
Frank W. Browne, medicines	24 35	
		$315 35

George W. Beal.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		$60 00

Abner N. Bates.

Paid C. W., and E. H. Sparrell, undertaker		$18 00

Joseph E. Smith and son.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$104 70	
Lot W. Bates, house rent	40 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal	19 63	
Charles H. Hackett, wood	12 00	
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance . . .	34 00	
		$210 33

Mrs. Louisa Burbank and daughter.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$134 03	
Lot W. Bates, house rent	40 00	
Order on Town Treasurer	20 00	
Samuel E. Pratt, milk .	12 70	
George K. Nickerson, meats	28 93	
Philander Bates, boots .	6 10	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	16 50	
Almshouse, wood . .	24 00	
O. H. Howe, M. D., attendance . . .	13 50	
		$295 76

Louis J. Frates and family.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$198 81	

Paid Mrs. E. E. Van Buskirk, house rent . . .	$42 00	
Hosea J. Stockbridge, milk	13 98	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	33 24	
Almshouse, wood . .	16 50	
Arthur H. Thayer, meats	29 42	
Philander Bates, boots .	8 00	
Cohasset Clothing Co., goods	4 50	
Order on Town Treasurer	4 00	
O. H. Howe, M. D., attendance . . .	18 00	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., attendance . . .	15 00	
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance . . .	26 50	
F. W. Browne, medicines	8 30	
John W. Bates, moving furniture . . .	3 50	
		$421 75

Rose Andrews and Mary I. Violante.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$126 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	16 01	
Tower Bros., coal . .	11 06	
		$153 07

Antoine Vargus, Jr., and family.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$41 98	
Aaron Pratt, house rent .	72 00	
Philander Bates, boots .	13 85	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	34 44	

Paid H. E. Fernald, M.D., attendance . . .	$41 50	
		$203 77

Henry L. Bates and family.

Paid Town of Norwell, supplies	$128 58	
Seth Foster, Norwell, house-rent	60 00	
Town of Hanson, supplies	6 94	
Town of Whitman, supplies	26 40	
Philander Bates, boots .	2 00	
		$223 92

Mrs. John J. Ainslie and child.

Paid Antoine J. Sylvia, agent, house rent . . .	$96 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal and wood . . .	43 91	
Philander Bates, boots .	11 99	
H. E. Fernald, M.D., attendance . . .	23 00	
Mrs. A. W. Morris, nursing	12 00	
		$186 90
Less amount reimbursed by J. J. Ainslie . .	$13 00	
		$173 90

Stephen Wigmore and family.

Paid H. E. Fernald, M.D., attendance . . .	$106 25	
Philander Bates, boots .	1 25	
F. W. Browne, medicine .	35	
		$107 85

Samuel M. Babbitt and family.

Paid H. E. Fernald, M.D., attendance . . .	$28 50	
Order on Town Treasurer .	4 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	4 46	
F. W. Browne, medicine .	1 20	
		$38 16

George F. Munnies and family.

Paid O. H. Howe, M.D., attendance . . .	$20 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	6 95	
Philander Bates, boots .	2 65	
Cohasset Clothing Co., goods	4 25	
George K. Nickerson, meats	4 52	
		$38 37

Mrs. Mary Frates.

Paid Caleb F. Nichols, agent, house rent . . .	$48 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., groceries, etc., . . .	62 70	
		$110 70

George L. Litchfield.

Paid Tower Bros. & Co., groceries	$14 15	
Philander Bates, boots .	3 25	
Cohasset Clothing Co., goods	75	
		$18 15

Mrs. Michael Coyne and children.

Paid Gross & Nichols, groceries	$209 24	
Philander Bates, boots .	10 75	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	4 46	
		$224 45

George B. Williams.

Paid Commonwealth, board	$26 00

William Dean.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board . .	$169 46

Lawrence E. Willard.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board . .	$169 46

Julia A. Glynn.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board . .	$53 03	
Commonwealth, board .	52 93	
		$105 96

Elizabeth J. Dady.

Paid Worcester Insane Asylum, board . .	$169 45

Julia Macomber.

Paid Worcester Insane Asylum, board . .	$169 48

Rose A. Burgess.

Paid Medfield Insane Asylum, board . .	$146 00

Mary Rhoderick and family.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$40 00	
O. H. Howe, M. D., attendance . . .	8 25	
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance . . .	7 00	
		$55 25

William H. Litchfield and family.

Paid Stoddard & Damon, groceries	$132 00	
Emeline A. Jacobs, house rent	60 00	
O. H. Howe, M. D., attendance . . .	46 00	
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance . . .	19 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	53 83	
Philander Bates, boots .	7 75	
Cohasset Clothing Co., goods	6 50	
Harry F. Tilden, teams .	10 00	
		$335 08

Caroline Sylvia.

Paid C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance .	$36 50

Edith Taylor.

Paid C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance .	$46 00

Mrs. Frank Antoine.

Paid C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance .	$2 00

Joseph W. Almeida and family.

Paid City of Woburn, assistance . . .		$2 74

Mrs. Patrick J. Lyons.

Paid Lincoln Bros., coal		$15 85

M. Antoine Sylvia and wife.

Paid Herbert L. Browne, groceries . .		$67 60

Mrs. Foster Litchfield.

Paid Lincoln Bros., coal		$10 32

Antoine Gonsalves and family.

Paid H. E. Fernald, M. D., attendance . . .	$33 00	
Frank W. Browne, medicines	6 85	
		$39 85

Bridget Donovan.

Paid City of Boston, assistance . . .		$30 31

Richard Caddan, Jr.

Paid order on Town Treasurer . . .		$20 00

Overseers.

Paid Philander Bates, services and expenses . .	$54 30	
Joseph S. Bigelow, services	10 00	

Paid Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses .	$35 00	
		$99 30
Total amount of outside payments .		$6,130 81

Of the above named persons who have been assisted during the year 1900, the following have been inmates of State institutions, viz:

William Dean at Taunton Lunatic Hospital.
Lawrence E. Willard at Taunton Lunatic Hospital.
Julia A. Glynn at Taunton Lunatic Hospital.
Elizabeth J. Dady at Worcester Insane Hospital.
Julia Macomber at Worcester Insane Hospital.
Rose A. Burgess at Medfield Lunatic Hospital.

POOR ACCOUNT OUTSIDE CREDITS.

Amount due from City of Boston	$246 32	
Town of Scituate . .	184 33	
Town of Hingham . .	139 37	
Town of Hull . . .	38 16	
City of Cambridge . .	67 60	
Charles H. Willard . .	169 46	
Julia A. Glynn . .	105 96	
Received of John J. Ainslie	13 00	
		$964 20
Outside debt brought forward .	$6,130 81	
Outside credit brought forward	964 20	
		$5,166 61

SUMMARY—OVERSEERS OF POOR ACCOUNT.

Almshouse balance . . .	$2,167 67	
Outside balance . . .	5,166 61	
Net cost for support and relief of poor . .		$7,334 28

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES,
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
Overseers of the Poor.

COHASSET, Dec. 31, 1900.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

But few words are to be said under this heading, for the reason that the community has been free from any epidemic of contagious or infectious diseases, although as usual a few isolated cases have existed, and one home was saddened by the ruthless visit of scarlet fever, which claimed a sweet child as its victim. There were four cases of scarlet fever and one each of diphtheria, typhoid fever and measles reported during the year, but with the precautionary measures taken they were confined within due limits.

Some general work was attended to during the year for the better preservation of health, and the items of expense incurred thereby are shown in the Selectmen's report.

REPORT OF THE

TOWN TREASURER,

TOGETHER WITH THE

Reports of the Librarian and Treasurer of the Free Public Library.

ALSO REPORTS OF THE

AUDITOR, SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS, BOARD OF ENGINEERS AND TREE WARDEN.

Dr. TOWN OF COHASSET in account

1900—1901.

To paid Selectmen's orders for 1900	$59,428 92
Soldiers and Sailors relief	785 06
State and Military aid	863 00
School appropriation for 1900	13,300 00
Dog license and Ripley interest for school account	337 22
Abatement of taxes by Assessors	63 45
State of Massachusetts, tax 1900	3,105 00
County of Norfolk, tax 1900	5,082 59
State Treasurer, one-fourth of sixth class license	25
Commonwealth of Massachusetts note, due 1900 .	3,400 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, Osgood School House note, 1900	3,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, account bridge note, 1897	1,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money, 1900 in full	20,000 00
Atlas National Bank, hired money, 1900 in full .	5,000 00
Interest on Town's notes, 1900	3,040 19
	$118,405 68
Balance in treasury carried forward	11,865 54
	$130,271 22

In addition to the balance as above, there remains in the Treasury the $2,000.00, St. Stephens Parish money, as per Town Report for 1899, pp. 78, 79.

COHASSET, January, 1901.

With ABRAHAM H. TOWER, Treasurer. Cr.

1900—1901.

By balance in treasury from previous account	$14,864 26
Corporation tax, 1899, additional	2,354 00
National Bank tax, 1899, additional	443 66
Corporation tax, 1900	10,589 60
National Bank tax, 1900	1,822 54
State and Military Aid, 1900	666 00
State Highway Loan Fund	3,962 66
Norfolk County, dog license money, 1899	296 82
City of Boston account, 1899	203 46
City of Cambridge account, 1899	48 86
Town of Hingham account, 1899	190 75
Town of Scituate account, 1899	243 57
Wm. T. Tilden, janitor, income Town Hall	335 00
Elmer E. Bates, auctioneer's license, 1900	2 00
James L. Beal, auctioneer's license, 1900	2 00
Aaron Pratt, auctioneer's license, 1900	2 00
Frank W. Browne, sixth class license	1 00
East Norfolk District Court, fines, fees, etc.	70 29
Harry F. Tilden, use of water cart	35 00
Received for loan of Town tools	13 80
Interest on Bank Deposits	139 21
Interest on collection of delinquent taxes	336 52
Interest of Ripley fund, 1900	40 40
A. H. Tower, trustee, board of J. J. Lothrop at Almshouse	135 81
William F. Harris, board at Almshouse	192 00
Geo. W. Tinkham, Almshouse sales and work	335 69
Mrs. Jno. J. Ainslee, on account supplies	13 00
Cohasset Free Public Library, fuel, lights, etc	100 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money 1900	20,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, Osgood School House Loan	11,000 00
Atlas National Bank, hired money 1900	5,000 00
One additional Poll tax, 1898 list	2 00
Assessors' Tax list for 1900	56,829 32
	$130,271 22

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The library has been open every library day with the exception of two legal holidays. There have been added to the library during the year, 217 volumes, of which 28 have been by gift, 146 by purchase and 43 by the binding of periodicals. The number of books now in the library, including government reports and pamphlets, is 6,912.

The number of books and magazines issued was 8,675.

The largest number of books given out on one day was 116,on February 24, and the smallest number was 14 on October 4. Gifts of books and pamphlets have been received from Mr. William Francis Joy, Mr. Lysander S. Richards and officers of state and government.

For the reading room periodicals have been received from the same donors as last year. Also I wish to speak of a fine rubber plant, the gift of Mr. Samuel Nichols.

Classification of reading by subjects :

History and Biographies	306
Travels and Geography	102
Literature and Poetry	72
Science and Art	34

Agriculture and Natural History	35
Religion and Philosophy	20
Magazines	957
Fiction	7,149
	8,675

SARAH B. COLLIER, *Librarian.*

Dr. COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY in account with A. H. Tower, Treasurer. Cr.

1900—1901.

To payments for books, per bills	$161 47
Century Atlas	7 50
Magazines, periodicals, etc.	49 30
Binding of books and magazines	57 60
Scientific books, by "Marion Cheever" fund	42 89
Deane's History of Scituate, two copies	10 00
Library bureau, cards, etc.	7 50
Expressage on books	2 06
Stock and labor on shelves	10 07
Painting and varnishing	4 20
Est. A. C. Bates, material	7 60
Town account, fuel, lights, etc.	100 00
Expenditures by Librarian	13 51
Sarah B. Collier, Librarian, salary	350 00
Amount charged contingent account	150 00
Balance carried forward.	26 79
	$1,000 49

1900—1901

By balance brought forward from 1899 acct.	$41 94
Amount unexpended from 1899 reserve	37 79
Ladies'.Charitable Society, rent	10 00
"Marion Cheever" fund, from Savings Bank	30 00
Town appropriation, 1900	850 00
Librarian's receipts	30 76
	$1,000 49

"Marion Cheever" Fund—Recapitulation.

	Receipts.	Expenditures.
1898	$30 00	$20 85
1899	30 00	32 36
1900	30 00	42 89
Excess	6 10	
	$96 10	$96 10

January, 1901.

A. H. TOWER, *Treasurer.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Superintendent of Streets, School Committee and Fire Engineers for the year 1900, and find the following results:

TOWN TREASURER'S RECEIPTS, 1900.

Balance in treasury from 1899	$14,864 26	
Sundry amounts received .	33,577 64	
Hired money in anticipation of taxes	25,000 00	
Amount of tax list . . .	56,829 32	
		$130,271 22

PAYMENTS.

Amount of Selectmen's orders, inclusive of warrant for State and County taxes and school appropriation	$82,965 24	
Town notes, due 1900 . .	7,400 00	
Hired money 1900, full payment	25,000 00	
Interest on all Town notes .	3,040 19	
State of Massachusetts share license money . .	25	
Balance in treasury . . .	11,865 54	
		$130,271 22

WENTWORTH J. EARLE,
Auditor.

COHASSET, February 2, 1901.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To The Board of Selectmen:—

GENTLEMEN,—The repairs on the highways for the past year have been nearly as extensive as for 1899. The section of Jerusalem Road where the water pipe of the Cohasset Water Co. was laid in the spring of 1899 has been practically rebuilt from Black Rock Hill to the hill near the residence of Samuel S. Spaulding and the balance to top of hill near the residence of Z. T. Hollingsworth, was repaired quite extensively. The cost of this work was large in consequence of having to cart the material such long distances. Blasting was done on ledge near J. B. Moors' driveway on Jerusalem Road, near residence of the late Charles J. Fox on Atlantic avenue, near residence of Levi L. Nichols and at Mohawk hill on Beach street. Mr. A. C. Burrage one of our summer residents, inquired to know if the Mohawk hill could not be improved by lengthening the grade with gravel and the estimated expense. I gave an estimate to simply change the grade of the hill, two hundred and fifty dollars, he immediately sent a check for that amount. On looking it over again I found that in order to change the grade and have it safe for travel, the hill and the road across the meadow would have to be widened. This was done by blasting the ledge on the hill and moving out the wall which necessitated the rebuilding of the fence. Two hundred and seventy-

eight double loads of gravel were used, beside all the stone blasted on the spot. I did not expect the generous donation of Mr. Burrage would defray all the expense, but after consulting with you, decided to proceed with the work. It seemed a necessity as the travel over Beach street has largely increased. Between Depot avenue and junction of South Main and Elm street, the grade of the road has been raised with gravel and stone, and during the summer was in good condition, and had it been finished with broken stone, would have continued in good condition through the freezing season, though the material used was the same as used on the Jerusalem Road, where it worked well. This can be easily remedied when spring opens.

Five hundred and twenty feet of stone curbing has been set in the centre of the town, and over five thousand paving blocks used in the gutters. Stockbridge street has been regraveled its entire length. Ripley road, near Hanlon's building and residence of E. F. Ripley, has been heavily graveled, also Sohier street. King street, near residence of Patrick Keef, received needed gravel, and south of the residence of the late Otis V. Barne a hill was cut down and the gravel used on the road each side of it. All the roads in town have been more or less repaired as they have seemed to need it. Another section of state road has been built, but the last layout was not finished. The amount expended was $4,673.61 and the amount paid by the state has been $3,491.80, the balance received $470.86 belongs to last year's account, leaving the cost to the town on last year's section of state road $1,065.99. The expense this year cannot be given at this time. One thing has been demonstrated in building this road, that broken stone is the best kind of material for road building, and I hope the town may eventually own a portable crusher and save the expense of teaming such distances as we are obliged to do. 2,371 double loads and 1,263 single loads of material have been used on streets and side-

walks the past year, besides places where hills have been cut down and no account has been kept. The steam roller has done good service, having been on the road in the spring 48 days, and on the state road this fall 54 days, showing that in its purchase the town made no mistake.

The following is an account of receipts and payments for labor, teaming, crushed stone and gravel for the year ending December 31, 1900.

Received from Town Treasurer . . .	$10,682 19
Received of A. C. Burrage	250 00
Received of B. C. Dean	32 00
Received of H. M. Knowles . . .	13 00
	$10,977 19

Paid George Jason, team . .	$264 50
Benjamin F. Morse, team and labor . . .	253 50
Thomas Loney, team .	61 75
Thomas Reedy, team .	57 50
William Mulvey, team .	175 00
Joseph Jason, team . .	226 25
C. W. Gammon, Trustee, team, stone and gravel .	927 79
William W. Bates, team .	110 00
Louis T. Cushing, team .	105 00
Waldo C. Locke, team .	99 62
Thos. W. Whitcomb, team	140 33
Manuel S. Leonard, team .	165 00
E. Russel Bates, team .	37 50
Joseph E. Grassie, team .	29 75
Elmer E. Bates, team .	79 00

Paid George W. Mealey, team	$127 50
Joseph W. Whitcomb, team	63 68
Est. Alden Beal, team .	200 50
H. L. Willard, Jr., team .	186 80
George W. Groce, team .	226 75
Frank W. Wheelwright, team	115 00
Levi Lincoln, team . .	10 00
John W. Bates, team .	21 00
Edwin W. Bates, team .	53 45
Horace J. Damon, team .	49 00
Ira B. Pratt, team . .	5 50
John Leonard, team . .	36 75
Samuel Nichols, team .	19 25
Frank Stoddard, team .	62 50
Samuel E. Pratt, team .	44 44
Edward L. Stevens, team .	13 00
Cyrus W. Bates, team .	38 87
Harry F. Tilden, team .	32 50
George E. Davis, team and gravel	19 62
Nathaniel R. Prouty, labor	30 00
John Sullivan, labor . .	16 00
William E. Smith, labor .	85 00
George A. Henry, labor .	39 00
Manuel Oliver, labor .	34 00
Patrick Keefe, labor .	46 40
Charles J. McCarty, labor .	27 00
Joseph Frates, labor .	90 00
James O. McCormack, labor	92 00
Fred G. James, labor .	263 00
Joseph F. Silvey, labor .	160 00
Charles H. Gale, labor .	61 65
Andrew H. Prouty, labor .	73 00

Paid Harry W. Burbank, labor	$59 50
John E. F. Frates, labor .	15 00
William St. John, labor .	42 00
William Keefe, labor .	66 00
Isaac L. Morey, labor .	52 00
George M. Ennice, labor .	94 00
Joseph P. DeSantos, labor	1 00
Manuel P. Valine, labor .	171 73
Bertrand F. Morse, labor .	35 00
Lewis L. Wheelwright, labor	34 00
George L. Davenport, labor	1 50
William Lee, labor . .	29 00
Lorenzo Beal, labor . .	116 19
Charles L. Kettrell, labor .	2 00
Edward Morse, labor . .	4 00
Alson S. Richardson, labor	138 00
Mathew Markwick, labor .	96 40
William H. Bates, Jr., labor	99 50
Edwin Bates, labor . .	48 50
William H. Bates, labor .	16 00
Joseph F. Priest, labor .	76 69
Manuel R. Silvey, labor .	251 49
John W. Frates, labor .	13 00
Ellery C. Bates, labor .	13 00
Alden Bates, labor . .	6 50
S. Chester Pratt, labor .	1 65
David R. Damon, labor .	15 00
Sanford L. Damon, labor .	17 00
Stephen Reilly, labor .	159 25
Manuel L. Botailyo, labor .	38 00
Robert T. Burbank, labor .	6 00

Paid Ira N. Pratt, labor . .	$12 00
Elijah F. Lincoln, labor .	8 25
William McArthur, labor .	4 00
Antoine E. Salvedor, labor	152 50
Joseph Caton, labor . .	40 00
Dennis Golden, labor .	4 00
Charles E. Jason, labor .	10 00
William B. Taylor, labor .	7 00
Thomas Grassie, labor .	3 62
Cyrus R. Keene, labor .	9 00
George Ainslaie, labor .	1 50
Walter Bates, labor . .	1 00
Edward E. Ellms, labor .	10 00
Joseph Pearson, labor .	50
Charles H. Willard, labor .	2 00
J. Loring Litchfield, labor .	6 00
A. Bradford Litchfield, labor	10 00
Philander Bates, Supt. .	500 00
Arthur Mulvey, stone and gravel	1,896 91
John Beal, stone and gravel	245 26
Isaiah Lincoln, posts .	24 64
Lot W. Bates, gravel .	29 40
N. Y., N. H. and H. R. R.	53 40
Joseph Breck & Sons, screens . . .	28 00
Houghton & Richards, steel	26 89
Charles A. Claflin & Co., supplies . . .	37 40
James Baker, labor . .	11 24
Ames Plow Co., tools .	93 26
Broad Gauge Iron Works .	37 00
Aaron Pratt, gravel . .	4 50

Paid Lincoln Bros., coal . .	$49 18	
Charles Wilson, stone curbing, etc. . . .	357 10	
John Lane & Son, stone .	32 84	
Good Roads Machinery Co., carting . . .	8 50	
Tilden Carriage Co. . .	158 16	
William L. Parker . .	100 00	
Tower Bros., & Co. . .	48 61	
Gross & Nichols . .	60 16	
Edward Kendall & Sons .	5 01	
Buffalo Pitts Co., casting .	12 00	
Michael Donahue, smithing .	7 77	
Charles E. McKensie, smithing . . .	26 62	
Alvan D. Gillis, smithing .	19 90	
Est. Allen C. Bates . .	20 52	
Almshouse . . .	7 00	
		$10,977 91

STATE ROAD.

Paid Fred. G. James, labor .	$145 66
Patrick Keefe, labor .	106 94
Charles E. Tyrer, labor .	92 32
Bertrand F. Morse, labor .	28 63
Nathaniel R. Prouty, labor	42 44
Levi E. Tower, labor .	28 87
William McNaMara, labor	96 25
William Keefe, labor .	106 74
Thomas Keefe, labor .	101 94

Paid Manuel L. Botailyo, labor	$105	00
Isaac L. Morey, labor .	63	00
Daniel F. O'Brien, labor .	97	56
George A. Henry, labor .	95	81
Edmund M. Cronican, labor	92	74
Fred Almeida, labor .	26	25
Charles Joseph, labor .	60	81
Joseph Frates, labor .	86	19
William St. John, labor .	49	00
Patrick Hannifin, labor .	28	87
George Loverin, labor .	34	12
Stephen Reilly, engineer .	150	00
Charles J. McCarty, labor.	22	74
Ansel P. Thayer, labor .	7	88
Manuel Almeida, labor .	87	07
John W. Frates, labor .	54	24
Michael McAuliff, labor .	13	12
Edward T. Reilly, labor .	4	00
William Lee, labor . .	44	62
Andrew H. Prouty, labor	11	37
Samuel L. Williams, labor	46	37
James O. McCormack, labor	45	06
Henry F. Keating, labor .	10	50
Patrick Downs, labor .	7	88
Oren A. Beal, labor .	11	37
Timothy Donovan, labor .	7	87
John F. Murphy, labor .	7	87
Charles E. Jason, labor .	7	00
John Sullivan, labor .	7	00
John L. Pratt, labor .	17	50
Royal Bates, labor . .	1	50
Sanford L. Damon, team and labor . . .	69	62
Benjamin F. Morse, team and labor . . .	143	68

Paid Charles E. Nott, team .	$44 75
Joseph Jason, team .	47 25
Edward L. Stevens, team	40 62
Waldo C. Locke, team .	58 49
Samuel Nichols, team .	58 50
Manuel S. Leonard, team	27 80
Elmer E. Bates, team .	33 75
Thomas W. Whitcomb, team	33 75
Cyrus W. Bates, team .	31 50
George W. Mealey, team .	49 50
Louis T. Cushing, team .	31 50
Joseph W. Whitcomb, team	33 75
E. Russell Bates, team .	38 19
William W. Bates, team .	24 75
Frank W. Wheelwright, team	24 75
William Mulvey, team .	27 00
William O. Souther, team	27 00
George Jason, team . .	26 83
Thomas Loney, team .	9 75
C. W. Gammons, trustee .	11 25
Harry F. Tilden, team .	76 75
Thomas Reedy, team .	28 87
Frank M. Nichols, smithing	42 50
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight . . .	9 96
Tower Bro., & Co., drain pipe, etc. . . .	113 16
Gross & Nichols, rendrock, etc.	30 71
Arthur Mulvey, broken stone	1,025 00
John Beale, broken stone	243 13
Charles Wilson, stone .	72 25

Paid Lincoln Bros., coal . .	$75 25	
Estate Allen C. Bates, oil, etc.	7 95	
		$4,673 61

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES,
Supt.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Selectmen:—

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Engineers respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1900.

The organization of the Board remains the same as last year, and no changes of any importance have taken place in the department. There has been but one fire during the year requiring the use of the apparatus, that being the stable on the Knowles estate, located on Atlantic avenue, the others being forest fires; and that of September 12th, on Doane street, being the only serious one.

The buildings of Ladder 1 and Hose 1, at the harbor, were discovered to be settling, and upon investigation it was found that the sills and brick piers supporting them had given way, probably from the effects of the severe storm of November, 1898, which we have had repaired, as shown in financial statement.

It is the unanimous opinion of the Board that the number of new buildings erected on Nichols avenue calls for better fire protection, and we respectfully recommend the placing of hydrant service on that street.

For the maintenance and operation of the department for

the ensuing year we respectfully recommend and ask that the sum of $1,200 be raised and appropriated by the town at its annual meeting in March next.

H. E. MAPES,
H. E. BRENNOCK,
GEO. JASON,
A. B. LITCHFIELD,
A. S. RICHARDSON,
Board of Engineers.

FIRE RECORD.

April 21, 1900. Barn in rear of residence of H. M. Knowles, Atlantic avenue.

May 1, 1900. Forest fire in rear of church, Beechwood.

May 5, 1900. Forest fire on Doane street, Beechwood.

September 5, 1900. Forest fire on "Bald" hill, Beechwood.

September 12, 1900. Forest fire on Doane street, Beechwood.

H. E. MAPES, *Chief*,
GEO. JASON, *Clerk*.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Engine No. 1.

Paid F. C. Blossom, services as steward, one year to May 1, 1900 . . .	$30 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal and wood	22 39	
S. R. Nichols, clerk, services of Company at fire, April 21st . . .	5 00	
H. F. Tilden, horses to fires	4 50	
Estate of A. C. Bates, oil and supplies . . .	13 48	
A. H. Tower, Treas., ten poll taxes . . .	20 00	
Total		$95 37

Hose No. 1.

Paid Henry Brennock, labor on building . . .	$14 50	
G. W. Mealy, horses to fire, April 21st . . .	5 00	
A. J. Morris, services as steward, one year, to May 1, 1900 . . .	40 00	

Paid T. A. Rich, clerk, services of company at fire April 21st	$5 00	
Tilden Carriage Co., sundry small repairs . .	2 75	
Gross & Nichols, oil, supplies, etc. . . .	12 00	
W. J. Brennock, labor on building . . .	3 25	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal, wood and sundry supplies	60 16	
Estate of A. C. Bates, oil and sundry supplies .	14 84	
A. H. Tower, Treas., thirteen poll taxes . .	26 00	
Total		$183 50

LADDER NO. 1.

Paid George E. Antoine, services as steward, one year to May 1, 1900 . .	$20 00	
J. A. Valine, clerk, services of company at fire April 21st	5 00	
Joseph Jason, horses to fires	10 00	
Tilden Carriage Co., sundry small repairs . .	1 80	
Gross & Nichols, sundry supplies . . .	8 63	
H. E. Brennock, labor on building . . .	9 00	

Paid A. H. Tower, Treasurer, twelve poll taxes . .	$24 00	
Total		$78 43

LADDER NO. 2.

Paid W. T. Litchfield, services as steward to May 1, 1900	$10 00	
S. C. Pratt, horses to fires	25 00	
C. Callahan Co., two "Star" Extinguishers . .	32 00	
C. Callahan Co., two pieces extinguisher hose . .	1 10	
Tilden Carriage Co., iron work for flag pole .	3 50	
Tower Bros. & Co., sundry supplies . . .	1 70	
H. L. Brown, sundry supplies	2 44	
H. E. Brennock, flag pole and sign . . .	15 00	
A. H. Tower, Treas., six poll taxes . . .	12 00	
Total		$102 74

ENGINEERS.

Paid George Jason, horses to fires	$12 00	

Paid Cohasset Livery and Sale Stable, horses to fires .	$8 50	
A. H. Tower, Treas., five poll taxes . . .	10 00	
Total		$30 50

HOSE NO. 2.

Paid A. H. Tower, Treas., two poll taxes . . .	$4 00	
Total		$4 00

ELECTRIC ALARM.

Paid C. Callahan Co., copper, zinc and dry batteries .	$8 19	
F. W. Browne, copper sulphate	7 20	
Total		$15 39

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid H. L. McMahon, watching fire, April 21st . .	$3 00	
Thomas Grassie, watching fire, April 21st . .	3 00	
F. C. Blossom, watching fire, April 21st . .	3 00	

Paid H. Sargent, watching fire Doane street . .	$2 00	
G. O. Silvia, watching fire Doane street . . .	2 00	
J. O. Pitts, services as watchman, July 4th .	3 00	
W. J. Brennock, services as watchman, July 4th .	3 00	
F. Jason, services as watchman, July 4th . .	3 00	
C. Callahan Co., gate wrench and spanner .	10 40	
T. A. Roche, damage to cap	75	
George W. Souther, order book	4 50	
C. Callahan Co., 100 feet ¾ inch hose . . .	12 00	
D. P. Sylvester, sundry supplies . . .	4 64	
Cohasset L. and S. Stable, carting hose, etc., . .	10 00	
W. J. Brennock, attendance at convention . .	14 00	
George Jason, attendance at convention . .	14 00	
J. H. Pink & Co., repairs to bucket . . .	45	
F. W. Browne, chemicals for extinguishers . .	4 72	
C. Callahan Co., repairing Extinguisher . .	25	
L. A. Litchfield, watching fire on Doane street .	2 00	
Total		$99 71

Forest Fires September 5–12.

Paid A. B. Litchfield, horse and wagon	$10 00	
F. W. Browne, chemicals for extinguisher . .	23 38	
H. L. Brown, barrels, pails and sundry supplies	27 01	
H. F. Tilden, horses and wagons . . .	14 50	
Cohasset L. and S. Stable, horses and wagons .	18 00	
Joseph Jason, horses and wagons . . .	13 00	
Pay roll (75 men) . .	313 02	
Total		$418 91

Repairs to Buildings at Harbor.

Paid J. E. Fraters, mason work	$34 75	
George Jason, cartage .	4 00	
Joseph Jason, cartage .	1 50	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, brick and cement .	26 38	
H. E. Brennock, carpenter work	22 50	
Total		$89 13

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Engine No. 1 . . .	$95 37	
Hose No. 1 . . .	183 50	
Ladder No. 1 . . .	78 43	
Ladder No. 2 . . .	102 74	
Hose No. 2 . . .	4 00	
Electric Alarm . . .	15 39	
Engineers . . .	30 50	
Forest Fires . . .	418 91	
Repairs to Buildings .	89 13	
Miscellaneous . . .	99 71	
Total		$1,117 68
Amount of appropriation		1,200 00
Balance unexpended . . .		$82 32

H. E. MAPES, *Chief.*

Attest:—GEO. JASON, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN.

Herewith is submitted the report of the Tree Warden, beginning March 5, 1900. As it is the first year that the office of Tree Warden has been filled there was necessarily a great deal of work to be done in the way of trimming trees, there being many dead limbs in danger of falling on passers by. Guards were needed on some of the trees in the centre of the town to protect them from injury from horses, and also stay-irons to put on large trees to prevent them from splitting apart. I have also planted some good trees. This work necessitated a few implements and tools, which were purchased accordingly. As the sum appropriated was small all necessary work was not able to be done, therefore, for the maintaining and planting of trees in the ensuing year I would respectfully recommend and ask that the sum of three hundred dollars be raised and appropriated by the town at its annual meeting, March next.

The following is a list of amounts paid as per bills rendered :—

Paid Matthew Haley, labor .	$15 00
Joseph A. Antoine, labor .	14 00
Henry E. Brennock, labor .	4 00
William St. John, labor .	7 00
Andrew H. Prouty, labor .	4 00

Paid Thomas F. Kinsley, labor	$1 00	
William J. Brennock, labor	1 00	
John S. Grassie, labor .	1 00	
Alban D. Gillis, ironwork .	1 50	
H. A. Tilden, stays and bolts	12 00	
Thomas Grey & Co., tools .	5 05	
Tower Bros. & Co., sundries . . .	9 15	
Est. Allen C. Bates, sundries . . .	5 05	
H. L. Willard, team .	1 00	
Charles E. Nott, team .	5 25	
Joseph E. Grassie, team .	2 00	
Harry F. Tilden, team .	7 50	
Souther Bros., printing .	4 00	
George Jason, team . .	2 00	
Cyrus R. Keene, tree .	3 00	
Edward E. Ellms, tree .	5 00	
Gross & Nichols . .	25 50	
H. L. McMahon . .	4 25	
		$139 25
Amount of appropriation . .		150 00
Amount unexpended .		$10 25

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY L. McMAHON,
Tree Warden.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In the opening year of the new century the Cohasset schools are better prepared than ever before to obtain the best results from their scholars, because these results will be obtained under more healthful and enjoyable conditions and with better and more modern equipment. The wisdom of the town in voting the appropriation for the addition to the Osgood School is already apparent. The actual benefit to the High School and the lower grades is spoken of at length by the Superintendent in his report, and it only remains for the committee to report to the town that in accordance with the instructions received by them at a special town meeting, held in May last, they have built an addition to the Osgood School for the sum appropriated, $11,000, as more fully appears by the report of the Treasurer herewith submitted. The standard of work and material established in the construction of the main building has been fully maintained in the addition and the structure reflects credit upon the architect and builder. Many of our citizens have never been inside of this building, which is visited frequently by educators from other towns, and your committee take this opportunity to say that the building is open every week day throughout the year for the inspection of the citizens of the town.

The cost of tuition per scholar for pupils attending the Osgood School is about $35 per year and this includes schol-

ars in the High School where the cost of tuition is necessarily high, whereas the town is now paying $100 per scholar per year for six scholars in the King Street School, where only the lower grades are taught. We make no comment on this fact, but simply draw your attention to it.

The only change in the teaching force the past year has been occasioned by the resignation of Miss Grace Clark as assistant in the High School. Miss Clark has served the town as a teacher in the grammar grades as well as in the High School and always with success. The school is indebted to her efforts for the collection of pictures and books which serve to increase the interest of the High School scholars in their work. Her place has been filled by the appointment of Miss Grace Gatchell, formerly of the Haverhill High School, and a graduate of Colby University.

We shall need for the support of the schools for the year 1901, an appropriation of $14,500 made up as follows:—

Teachers	$9,000 00
Superintendent	700 00
Janitors	870 00
Repairs	550 00
Supplies	550 00
Cleaning	25 00
Fuel	725 00
Conveying	1,800 00
Miscellaneous	330 00
	$14,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. COLLIER, *Chairman.*
C. LOTHROP, *Secretary.*
AMOS A. LAWRENCE,
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
LOUIS T. CUSHING,
HARRY E. MAPES.

TOWN OF COHASSET in account with THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1900. Paid

Superintendent of Schools, Nelson G. Howard		$670 00

TEACHERS.

Osgood School:		
High, Mr. C. F. Jacobs, Principal . . .	$1,657 50	
High, Miss Grace Clark, Assistant . . .	360 00	
High, Miss Grace Gatchell, Assistant . . .	225 00	
High, Mr. Arthur N. Small, Assistant . . .	585 00	
8th grade, Miss Martha P. Bates	485 00	
7th grade, Miss Lila O. Buck	271 20	
7th Grade, Miss Mary Mendum	6 00	
7th grade, Miss Isabel Stickney . . .	120 00	
7th Grade, Miss Charlotte A. Tower . . .	60 00	
6th Grade, Miss Annie D. Dunham . . .	468 00	
5th grade, Miss Annie A. Souther . . .	415 20	
5th grade, Miss Alice B. Sanderson . . .	46 00	

3d and 4th grades, Miss Mary E. Clapp . .	$468 00	
2d grade, Miss Priscilla L. Collier	453 60	
2d grade, Miss Emma Nichols	8 00	
2d grade, Miss Alice Sanderson	4 00	
1st grade, Miss Sarah E. Fox	451 20	
1st grade, Miss Mary Mendum	8 00	
General Assistant, Miss Myra L. Beal . .	370 50	
North School:		
Miss Susannah L. Stoddard	444 00	
Miss Mary Mendum . .	26 00	
Beechwood School:		
Miss Emma V. Ingerson	468 00	
King Street School:		
Miss Annie Fox . .	468 00	
Special Teachers:		
Miss Elizabeth C. Bates, music	300 00	
Miss Sarah T. Bailey, drawing . . .	277 50	
		$8,445 70

JANITORS.

Osgood School:		
Lot W. Bates . . .	$600 00	
Mrs. Joseph A. Antoine .	40 00	
North School:		
Thomas Keefe . . .	39 00	

Beechwood School:		
A. B. Litchfield . .	$48 75	
King Street School:		
Fred G. James . .	30 00	
		$757 75

CLEANING.

North School:		
Mrs. Stephen Reilly .	$6 00	
Beechwood School:		
A. B. Litchfield . .	9 00	
King Street School:		
Fred G. James . .	5 00	
		$20 00

CONVEYING PUPILS.

Jerusalem Road District:		
Franklin Beal . . .	$481 38	
Beechwood District:		
Samuel E. Pratt . .	690 87	
Parker Avenue:		
Harry F. Tilden . .	155 00	
North End District:		
Harry F. Tilden . .	200 00	
South End District:		
Harry F. Tilden . .	247 50	
		$1,774 75

REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.

Osgood School:		
W. W. Bates, removing poison ivy . . .	$ 9 00	
William E. Crocker, carpentering . . .	24 25	

Cousens & Pratt, flag .	$6 25
Brigham Electric Co., repairing fixtures . .	9 40
Cohasset Electric Co., lights	3 12
Wm. J. Brennock, rearing halliards . . .	1 00
Chas. W. Gammons, Trustee, gravel . . .	14 88
Est. Allen C. Bates, supplies and repairs . .	134 35
L. L. Bates & Co., key .	50
L. W. Bates, wire brushes, etc.	2 04
Cohasset Water Co., repairing service . . .	7 75
Tower sisters, cleaning .	5 00
Harry W. Lincoln, glass setting . . .	2 20
Harry F. Tilden, carting and freight . . .	55
W. H. Fowler . .	1 25
Geo. B. Lothrop & Co. .	70
Francis M. Ripley, repairing roof . . .	51 69
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber	50 18
Tilden Carriage Co., steel bar	4 50
Est. F. H. Nichols, ribbon, etc.	6 58
Gross & Nichols, kerosene, etc.	19 45
The Fuller & Warren Co., furnace and door . .	15 49
E. B. Whittier, oak roll desk	20 00

—— McDermott, putting up pipes and radiator .	$67 50	
I. N. Small, painting and setting glass . .	18 92	
		$476 55
North School:		
John Roche, labor . .	$6 27	
Est. of Allen C. Bates, repairs and supplies . .	20 91	
Statington-Bangor Slate Syndicate, blackboards	18 41	
D. Webster Allen, putting up blackboards . .	4 67	
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	20	
F. M. Ripley, labor on blackboards . . .	9 83	
		$60 29
Beechwood School:		
J. W. Bates, cleaning vaults	$3 00	
Est. Allen C. Bates, waste basket	1 25	
A. B. Litchfield, varnishing floors, paint, halliards	9 00	
I. N. Small, painting and setting glass . . .	28 20	
Tower Bros. & Co., floor varnish. . . .	8 81	
		$50 26
King Street School;		
Cousens & Pratt, flag .	$4 50	
Est. Allen C. Bates, supplies	3 10	

Fred G. James, white-washing, etc. . .	$5 50	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber	1 91	
		$15 01
		$602 11

FUEL.

Osgood School:		
Lincoln Bros. . . .	$82 97	
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	538 34	
North School:		
Lincoln Bros. . . .	10 73	
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	26 93	
Beechwood School:		
Lincoln Bros. . . .	6 43	
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	29 77	
King Street School		
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	10 96	
		$706 13

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Lot W. Bates, Truant Officer . . .	$ 5 00	
Jos. J. Bates, expressing .	10 95	
Cotton & Gould, printing, etc.	3 87	
Town of Hull, tuition .	12 00	
A. B. Litchfield, Truant Officer	10 00	
Nelson G. Howard, telephone rent, etc. . .	19 27	
Wm. T. Tilden, hall, piano and labor . . .	12 25	

Paid A. T. Bliss & Co., printing	$6 00	
H. W. Kibbe, filling diplomas	15 00	
C. Lothrop, postage . .	2 69	
Miss Annie Fox, expense on books . . .	50	
Assessors of Cohasset, school census . .	5 00	
Charlotte S. Tower, writing school census in register .	5 00	
W. W. Wade, tuning piano,	5 00	
H. L. Willard, Jr., horse and express wagon .	1 50	
Mary R. Cushing, flowers .	9 00	
Houghton & Dutton, burlap	2 34	
H. F. Tilden, carting .	75	
Francis M. Ripley, book case	60 00	
Samuel E. Pratt, Truant Officer	50 00	
Arthur Mulvey, expressing,	14 70	
C. Lothrop, Treasurer and Secretary . . .	75 00	
		$325 82

Books and Supplies.

Paid C. F. Jacobs, sub. to Current Literature . .	$3 00
Edward E. Babb & Co. .	241 41
Jordan, Marsh & Co. .	5 45
Ziegler Electric Company .	3 53
American Book Co. . .	97 56
Geo. S. Perry & Co. .	1 50

Paid Bunkio Matsuki . .	$1 50	
Silver, Burdett & Co. .	6 46	
Ginn & Co. . . .	46 62	
J. L. Hammett Company .	86	
Small, Maynard & Co. .	5 00	
Dennison Manufacturing Co.	4 00	
The Perry Picture Co. .	2 92	
Suffolk Ink Co. . .	5 00	
David Cobb & Son . .	10 75	
Joseph Gillott & Sons .	21 25	
The Herbert E. Webster Co.	2 71	
D. C. Heath & Co. . .	21 45	
Horgan, Robey & Co. .	1 52	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.	2 00	
Asahel Wheeler . .	37 35	
Fred H. Miller . .	15 00	
		$536 84

RECAPITULATION.

Debit.

Superintendent of Schools .	$670 00
Teachers	7,868 20
Special Teacher of Music . .	300 00
Special Teacher of Drawing .	277 50
Janitors	757 75
Cleaning	20 00
Conveying	1,774 75
Repairs and supplies . .	602 11
Fuel	706 13

Miscellaneous	$325 82	
Books, stationery, etc. . .	536 84	
Balance unexpended . .	55 26	
		$13,894 36

Credit.

Balance from last year . .	$251 74	
Amount of school appropriation,	13,300 00	
Amount of dog licenses . .	296 82	
Interest from Ripley school fund	40 40	
Received for supplies sold .	5 40	
		$13,894 36

CALEB LOTHROP,
Treasurer of the School Committee.

ADDITION TO THE OSGOOD SCHOOL BUILDING.

1900. *Debit*

Paid Francis M. Ripley, contract for building . .	$8,966 00
Francis M. Ripley, extra work	200 00
The Fuller & Warren Heating and Ventilating Co., contract for heating and ventilating . . .	900 00
Mellish & Byfield, chairs .	120 00
The J. M. Sander Co., chairs	60 00

Paid Eugene F. Barnes, tables .	$25 00	
Redding, Baird & Co., glass	2 25	
Statington-Bangor Slate Syndicate, blackboard .	135 19	
D. Webster Allen, putting up blackboards . .	46 23	
Est. of Allen C. Bates, shades	40 63	
Harry F. Tilden, freight and carting . . .	25 50	
Edward Nichols, Architect,	500 00	
		$11,020 80

Credit

Received amount of town appropriation . .	$11,000 00	
For loam sold . -	15 80	
For two second hand doors . . .	5 00	
		$11,020 80

REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee:

I have the honor to submit to you my third annual report. In it will be found a brief record of the work of the year, a statement of the present condition of the schools and an outline of our plans for the future.

On account of the lack of room at the Osgood School, the work of the first six months of the school year was performed under great difficulties and the results were not altogether satisfactory. The High School was confined to two rooms and one small laboratory. The eight grades occupied the remaining six rooms and the hall. The teachers worked earnestly, but it was impossible for the pupils to do their work well. In June there were some failures in the higher grades which would not have occurred if there had been no overcrowding. Since the beginning of the fall term the advantages of the new accommodations have been felt by pupils and teachers. The High School has assumed new proportions and now meets the requirements of the State. German has been added to the list of electives, and the courses in physics and chemistry have been extended. The grades have ample room and approved sanitary conditions. Everything is now arranged for the health and comfort of the children, and the Osgood School is a credit to the town.

The most important changes made during the year have been in the methods of teaching language and reading. The plan employed a year ago in teaching arithmetic is still being followed. The departments of geography and history have been strengthened, and we have endeavored to establish by our teaching an appreciation of the close relation that exists between these subjects.

ATTENDANCE.

The law of 1898, which requires all children between seven and fourteen years of age to attend school every day that the schools are in session, has not been fully understood by some of the parents, and the truant officers have been obliged to investigate a large number of cases of absence from school. In nearly every case it has been found that the children were kept at home by the parents. By constant watchfulness on the part of the teachers and the truant officers the evil has been abated. In order to do the work of the schools, pupils must attend regularly. In the interest of the children the truant laws must be rigidly enforced.

DISCIPLINE.

"Pupils must be governed before they are taught," is a sentence often quoted by teachers, but we would change it into this form: "Pupils must be governed while they are being taught." Our schools do not require severe discipline, and our teachers endeavor to secure order and work at the same time. We have had very few cases of disobedience during the year. We have endeavored to secure the co-operation of all the parents in the matter of managing the children, and I am pleased to report that nearly every parent has shown a willingness to assist us.

REPORTS AND PROMOTIONS.

The form of marking has been changed. Letters are now employed instead of per cents. The report cards that are sent to the parents at the end of each school month show, in plain language, the teachers' estimates of the pupils' work. The letters, representing the four degrees of excellence, or lack of it, seem to be more easily understood than the numbers that were used a year ago. Under this new system of marking, the teachers make a rational estimate of a pupil's work, since the pupil is ranked by his own standard. Individual promotions have been more frequent during the last six months than ever before in our schools. Each pupil has an opportunity to advance to a higher grade whenever he shows ability to do the work of that grade. In order to make individual promotions possible without loss of any essential part of the school work, the pupils of each grade are divided into two or more divisions in all major subjects. Those who have the ability are allowed to do more work than that laid down in the course of study. The slower pupils are required to do as much as they can do well. From the middle of the year to the end of it we make individual promotions. Pupils who are strong physically are encouraged to do additional work, and I find that the general tone of the work of the grades is being improved.

ARITHMETIC.

In our schools the first three grades have only a minimum amount of number work. Reasoning is work for mature minds. No child six or seven years of age who has a normal mind is able to employ well this highest faculty which has been defined as ability to deal with novel data by substituting parts and their implications and consequences for wholes. The process of reasoning demands the exercise of sagacity,

or ability to make abstractions, and learning, or ability to recall consequences.

By observation, imagination, reflection, and the association of concrete objects the child may become sagacious and in a degree learned. Then he is ready for the work in arithmetic. If the time gained by lessening the number work in the first three grades is well employed in reading, language and observational work, the pupils who enter the fourth grade will be able to do in a year all the arithmetic work formally prescribed for the first four grades. Nearly all the old primary number work was really busy work, something to keep the children out of mischief. As our departmental system is developed more accurate work is being done in arithmetic in the higher grades.

In order to teach arithmetic well one must be thoroughly acquainted with the active business methods and relations of the commercial world. Life must be attached to every process in order to secure interest without which all arithmetic teaching is worthless labor.

By giving greater attention to the relative value to the pupil of school subjects at the different stages of his mental advancement and by constant improvement in the quality of our teaching we hope to secure excellent results.

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY.

We have endeavored to link geography with history so that each should help to explain the other. Advantage has been taken of the events of the year to establish important facts in both subjects. The great leaders, both civil and military, have been considered with regard to their influence upon the affairs of the world. The extension of our territorial limits has brought life to the study of our country and our people.

Illustrations have been used very skillfully to fix in the minds of the pupils definite ideas of form, of the relation of objects and of the classes and conditions of men.

Interest has been aroused in people and places by association. Pupils have been led to see that in the great world drama history furnishes the words and characters and geograpy the scenes.

The results of the year's work are satisfactory since they show progress toward sound scholarship.

READING.

Since the child must gain the greater part of his education through reading it is highly important that we give the subject particular attention.

During the first year of a child's school life reading or more properly the comprehending of thought signs is a very laborious task. The greater part of the words used are interpreted by associating them with known objects. Articulation is the result of imitation, and is generally fixed when the child enters school, but the written words are unknown. To acquire the power to receive accurate mental impressions from word signs should be the chief object of all our work in teaching reading. That pupil reads well who gets from the words of a book the thoughts of the author and assimilates them. Reading study is as necessary as arithmetic study. In order to secure good reading three things must be done: First, the teacher must instruct the pupil how to study; second, the pupil must make a careful study of the lesson; third, the teacher must test the pupil by requiring him to read aloud. If the thought has been gained through the silent reading the pupil will convey it to others with force and clearness by his rendering.

Our reading has improved greatly since we have given additional time to the subject.

LANGUAGE.

The results of the first four years' work in language have

been far from satisfactory throughout the country. Pupils have entered the Grammar Grades without the ability to express their ideas in language capable of conveying accurate impressions. Vagueness has been the characteristic fault in school expression. A good method for teaching language is based upon the hypothesis that language can be gained most thoroughly under the impulses of intrinsic thought. Ideas must preceed expression. Upon entering school pupils have quite a stock of words learned by association, and to employ these words to their fullest capacity should be the chief aim of the teachers of the Primary Grades. Children five or six years of age have observed a great deal and when free from school restraint they will tell you in plain easy language what they have seen. Their attempts to describe in writing have been very poor in the past years, because the teachers have insisted upon supplying nearly all the words. The child's own vocabulary must be made the basis upon which to build the first year's work. At home and upon the play ground the average first grade pupil employs from 300 to 400 words, which are nearly all of Anglo Saxon origin. These words have all been acquired when he had a need for them to express ideas and they are generally used well. If we allow pupils to assert their individuality and encourage them to make use of their own knowledge whenever it is possible, we shall accomplish much towards establishing a rational system of language teaching.

The chief subjects of conversation among children out of school are their likes, their dislikes, their pets, their playmates, their games, their hopes, their fears and the phenomena of their senses. If these subjects are of such vital interest to children they can be made the basis of our early composition work and story telling. Let each child write what he cares to write in the words that he can command and an interest is soon aroused. Our teachers secure some creditable work every week by directing the pupils to write

short compositions upon common subjects with which they are perfectly familiar. In reading the papers the teachers take great care to consider just what the pupils wished to express. As far as possible the child's own words are retained. The errors in spelling and in grammatical construction are noted and made the basis of future spelling lessons and language study. By keeping a record of the corrections made in each pupil's work the teacher can determine to what extent her teaching is effective. The errors common to several papers form the basis of a class exercise which is repeated until the correct forms have been thoroughly established. Individual teaching is employed as far as possible in all the original language work. Children at a very early age begin to express themselves by gestures and then by drawing. The employment of writing is the next step and can be taken much earlier than was formerly supposed. In the second grade we get stories written in clear, simple language. From these stories the teachers gain an accurate knowledge of each pupil's manner of thinking and his ability to express his ideas. By careful, intelligent language-teaching we hope to increase the efficiency of every department of the schools.

WRITING.

For the past two years we have employed the vertical system of penmanship. The results have been good in every grade. Neatness and legibility now characterize all the school writing. The fact that vertical writing at first does not tend to speed is the chief reason why we are able by its use to develop good, clear characters without flourishes or ornament. It is worth while to spend considerable time in developing a readable handwriting. There is much similarity in the writing of the pupils of the first five grades, but in the higher grades individuality asserts itself.

The teachers have exercised great care in teaching this

subject. All the work of the class rooms is done in the vertical script.

MUSIC AND DRAWING.

These subjects have been under the direction of special teachers, who have shown much skill in managing their departments. The general class work in music and drawing has improved very much during the year. The reports of the special teachers which follow show in detail what has been attempted.

The past year has been an eventful one in the history of our schools. It marks the establishment of a higher standard of High School work, which makes it necessary to strengthen the grades.

The health of the pupils has been the constant care of every teacher. The eyes and the ears of all the children have been watched very carefully and parents have been notified whenever any defects have been discovered.

Throughout the year the schools have profited greatly by the co-operation of parents. The home and the school have been brought closer together and the consequence is more intelligent direction and instruction on the part of both of these great institutions.

In conclusion, I wish to express to the Committee my appreciation of the continued confidence and the support that has been extended me. I appreciate also, the loyal, faithful service of the teachers who have in so many ways assisted me in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON G. HOWARD.
Superintendent of Schools.

COHASSET, Dcember 31, 1900.

SCHOOLS, TEACHERS AND STATISTICS.

Whole number of children in Town September, 1900, between 5 and 15 years of age . . . 402
Whole number of children in town September, 1900, between 7 and 14 years of age . . . 315
Whole number of children in school between 5 and 15 years of age 446
Whole number of children in school between 7 and 14 years of age 321
Number of children in school over 15 years of age . 67
Total enrollment of all the schools 513
Average membership of all the schools . . . 402 1
Average attendance of all the schools . . . 361 8
Per cent. of attendance 90
Number of tardy marks for the year . . . 687

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Salary.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	Tardy Marks
Osgood High	C. F. Jacobs, Princip'l	$1,700	85	69.8	62.3	89	182
	Arthur N. Small . .	600					
[illegible]	Grace Gatchell . .	600					
Grade VIII .	Martha P. Bates . .	500	49	35	31.2	89	72
VII .	Lila O. Buck . . .	480	49	34.6	31.2	90	66
VI . .	Annie D. Dunham .	480	46	38	34.2	90	54
V . .	Annie A. Souther .	480	53	38.9	36.3	93	57
IV, III .	Mary E. Clapp . .	480	64	49.4	44.5	90	59
II . .	Priscilla L. Collier .	480	32	26.6	24.9	93	44
I . .	Sarah E. Fox . . .	480	57	49.1	43.7	89	53
Matron . .	Myra L. Beal . . .	380					
Beechwood .	Emma V. Ingerson .	480	32	24.8	21.5	90	41
North . . .	Susannah L. Stoddard	480	34	26.2	23.6	89	35
King Street .	Annie Fox	480	12	9.7	8.4	86	24
Special teacher of music .	Elizabeth A. Bates .	300					
Special teacher of drawing	Sara T. Bailey . .	300					

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

To the Superintendent of Schools:—

The pupils who, nearly five years ago, started with the "Music Primer" of the "Natural Course," have now reached the eighth grade. In that class are seen particularly the fruits of the work of the intervening years. I think, with perhaps few exceptions, the pupils of the above-mentioned grade can sing and write the major scale, its relative minor in three forms (normal, harmonic and melodic), and the chromatic scale in all keys. They can also name and write all key signatures, placing sharps or flats in proper order. All this should be done before entering the High School, as the twenty-five minute period in that class is hardly sufficient for voice and song work. They can read fairly well at sight the three part exercises and songs contained in the fifth book of the course.

The proportion of boys in the eighth and High School who sing is nearly double that of last year, which is encouraging, as it shows a greater love for and interest in singing without regard to temporary disagreeable tones. "I sing because I love to sing" seems to be the rule rather than the exception.

In the intermediate grades the work accomplished varies. The fourth being obliged to sing with the third, cannot advance as it should; but that difficulty, we hope, will soon be obviated.

The little ones are always eager and interested and cannot help but learn.

With regard to the syllables do, re, mi, etc., I will say a few words, as some critics have expressed surprise that the "old fashioned way" of singing by syllables is still in use in the schools. I can express my views no better than to

quote from a letter written by Miss Julia Crane in answer to advice asked on the subject. Miss Crane is at the head of the Normal Music School in New Jersey. She writes, "I have no fear of the syllables. Use them as long as needed, in order to bring accuracy, and then they will drop off like the burr of the nut when it has served its purpose." I find it to be true. In the High School we have, almost imperceptibly, dropped the use of them except in the studies without words. In the lower grades we have numerous devices for relieving the monotony of syllable work. A subject must be presented in various ways, in order that the attention may be held.

As we grow more and more familiar with the "natural course," the more practical it seems to us, and each succeeding year brings greater results.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH C. BATES.

Cohasset, December 31, 1900.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DAWING FOR THE TOWN OF COHASSET FOR THE YEAR 1900.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Owing to the introduction of several new features in drawing, the work of the pupils exhibited last June showed, in many ways, an advance over the work of the preceeding year.

As an outgrowth of mechanical drawing, each pupil in the

upper class in the High School showed the first floor of a small dwelling house.

Designs were made also for wrought iron brackets. In the lower grades, the pupils cut ecutcheons from gilt paper after their own designs.

The theory advanced by Dr. Denman W. Ross of Harvard has been followed in teaching decorative design and has been most helpful.

The pupils are taught rhythm and balance by first arranging a number of irregular spots of ink, so that the meaningless spots bear a harmonious relation one to another, then the unit so formed is traced at regular intervals over the paper to make a symmetrical design.

Later the flowers were studied, and drawings made with this same idea in mind, the rhythmical relation of the parts and the symmetrical arrangement of the whole as a surface design.

This preliminary exercise, bringing abstract spots into rhythm, demonstrated its value by the good results obtained when the flowers were used as units of design.

Books containing biographical sketches of several artists have been added to the school library, in the hope that they will stimulate the interest of the pupils in pictures and picture makers.

The botanical drawings, under Miss Collier's supervision, show that the pupils have learned to express themselves quickly and accurately.

The High School classes now occupy their new studio in the north wing and are doing better work in consequence of larger and more commodious quarters.

The numbers are few, but as the pupils all possess some degree of talent, the outlook is bright for future work.

Respectfully submitted,

SARA TILDEN BAILEY.

COHASSET, December 31, 1900.

One Hundred and Thirty-Second Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT

...OF...

THE SELECTMEN

OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET

...AND THE...

REPORTS OF OTHER TOWN OFFICERS,

...FOR THE YEAR...

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1901.

WEYMOUTH GAZETTE PUBLISHING COMPANY,
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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1901-02.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

PHILANDER BATES, Chairman	Term expires		March, 1902
NEWCOMB B. TOWER . .	"	"	March, 1903
HERBERT A. TILDEN . .	"	"	March, 1904

Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

ABRAHAM H. TOWER.

School Committee.

E. POMEROY COLLIER, Chairman	Term expires		March, 1902
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW . .	"	"	March, 1903
AMOS A. LAWRENCE . .	"	"	March, 1903
HARRY E. MAPES . . .	"	"	March, 1904
JASON M. ENNICE . . .	"	"	March, 1904
CALEB LOTHROP, Sec. and Treas.	"	"	March, 1902

Board of Health.

THE SELECTMEN.

Physician of the Board, OLIVER H. HOWE, M. D.

Fire Engineers.

HARRY E. MAPES,
A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD,
GEORGE JASON,
STEPHEN R. NICHOLS,
HENRY E. BRENNOCK,
ALSON S. RICHARDSON,
THOMAS A. RICH,
ELMER E. BATES,
GEORGE W. GROCE.

Superintendent of Streets.

PHILANDER BATES.

Auditor.

WENTWORTH J. EARLE.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

PAUL J. BATES.

Auctioneers.

AARON PRATT,
EDWARD E. WENTWORTH,
CHARLES A. GROSS,
JAMES S. BEAL.

Town Physician.

CHARLES B. BRIDGHAM, M. D.

Constables.

EDWARD E. WENTWORTH,
MANUEL S. ENOS,
A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD,
JOHN ROCHE,
THOMAS MANNIX,
SIDNEY L. BEAL.

Special Police Officer.

WILLIAM J. BRENNOCK.

Night Police Officers.

J. WILLIAM EDWARDS, THOMAS MANNIX,
JOHN FLEMING, SIDNEY L. BEAL.

Trustees of the Public Library.

Miss EDITH M. BATES	Term expires		March, 1902
Mrs. EDWARD F RIPLEY . .	"	"	March, 1902
Dr. OLIVER H. HOWE . .	"	"	March, 1902
EDWARD E. ELLMS . . .	"	"	
LOUIS T. CUSHING . . .	"	"	March, 1904
ABRAHAM H. TOWER . .	"	"	March, 1904
Mrs. ABRAHAM H. TOWER .	"	"	March, 1903
EDWARD F. RIPLEY . . .	"	"	March, 1903
Miss SARAH B. COLLIER . .	"	"	March, 1903

Fence Viewers.

EPHRAIM SNOW, Jr. FRANK F. MARTIN, Jr.
GEORGE JASON.

Field Drivers.

THOMAS LONEY, JOHN W. BATES,
M. F. DICKINSON, Jr. ARTHUR S. BATES.
LEVI L. WORRICK.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

HERBERT L. BROWN, ZENAS D. LINCOLN.
FRANKLIN BEAL.

Surveyors of Lumber.

ARTHUR O. HIGGINS, JOSEPH A. VALINE.

Inspector of Animals.

DARIUS W. GILBERT, V. S.

Public Weighers.

ZENAS D. LINCOLN, NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
HERBERT L. BROWN, ALFRED BEAL.

Undertaker.

WARREN F. SNOW.

Pound Keeper.

LEVI L. WORRICK.

Keeper of Lockup.

MANUEL S. ENOS.

Harbor Master.

JOSEPH JASON, Jr.

Registrars of Voters.

JOHN L. PRATT	Term expires		May 1, 1902
CORNELIUS O'KEEF . . .	"	"	May 1, 1904
CALEB F. NICHOLS . . .	"	"	May 1, 1903

HARRY F. TILDEN, Town Clerk, *ex-officio*, Clerk of Board.

TOWN OF COHASSET.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

For 1901.

Doings of the
TOWN OF COHASSET.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Extracts from the Town Records.

The Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset was held March 4, 1901, agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same, at which time the several articles contained were acted upon, as follows :—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Chose, Philander Bates, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

Chose, Harry F. Tilden, clerk.

ARTICLE 3. To act upon the Reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Treasurer of the Public Library, School Committee, Treasurer of School Committee and Auditor.

Each of the above reports were, by a vote, accepted.

ARTICLE 4. To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, and one Overseer of the Poor for three years.

Chose, Herbert A. Tilden, Selectmen, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for three years.

ARTICLE 5. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.

Chose, Abraham H. Tower, Treasurer.

ARTICLE 6. To choose a collector for the ensuing year.

Chose, Abraham H. Tower, Collector.

ARTICLE 7. To choose two members of the school committee for three years.

Chose, Jason M. Ennice and Harry E. Mapes members of School Committee.

ARTICLE 8. To determine the number and choose constables for the ensuing year.

Voted, That there should be six constables the ensuing year, whose names shall all be brought in on one ballot.

Chose, Edward E. Wentworth, Manuel S. Enos, A. Bradford Litchfield, John Roche, Thomas Mannix, and Sidney L. Beal, Constables.

ARTICLE 9. To choose an auditor for the ensuing year.

Chose, Wentworth J. Earle, Auditor.

ARTICLE 10. To choose three trustees of the Public Library for the year.

Chose, Abraham H. Tower, Louis T. Cushing, and Edward E. Ellms, Trustees of the Public Library.

ARTICLE 11. To choose a tree warden for the ensuing year.

Chose, Henry L. McMahon, Tree Warden.

ARTICLE 12. To choose all other necessary town officers.

Chose, Ephraim Snow, Jr., Frank F. Martin, Jr., and George Jason, Fence Viewers.

Voted, That there be five field drivers the ensuing year.

Chose, Thomas Loney, M. F. Dickinson, Jr., John W. Bates, Arthur S. Bates, and Levi L. Worrick, Field Drivers.

ARTICLE 13. What sums of money will the town raise and appropriate for the payment of debt, interest, repairs of highways and sidewalks, removing snow, support and relief of poor, schools, public libraries, electric lights for streets, water for hydrants, public buildings, fountains and streets, and all other charges and expenses for the current year?

Voted, That the sum of forty-eight thousand nine hundred and forty-five dollars be raised by taxation the ensuing year.

Voted, That the sum of sixty thousand eight hundred and ten dollars be appropriated the ensuing year as follows:

For Payment of Funded Debt	$6,400 00
Payment of Interest	3,000 00
Support of Schools	14,500 00
Support and Relief of Poor	7,000 00
Highways and Sidewalks	9,000 00
Electric Lights	5,160 00
Water for Hydrants and Public Buildings	2,450 00
Watering Streets	1,400 00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	800 00
Town Officers	2,200 00
Night Police	1,900 00
Fire Department	1,200 00
Removing Snow	500 00
Public Libraries	1,100 00
Memorial Day	100 00
Printing	300 00
Military Aid	150 00
Inspection of Cattle	100 00
Town Hall	700 00
Board of Health	200 00
Tree Warden	300 00
On account Iron Bridge	1,000 00
Strait's Pond	200 00
Common	150 00
Incidentals	1,000 00
Total	60,810 00

ARTICLE 14. Will the town authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes and to pay State and Military Aid?

Voted, That he be so authorized.

Article 15. In what manner will the town collect the taxes, and at what time shall they be paid into the Treasury?

Voted, That the taxes be collected in the same manner, and paid into the Treasury at the same time as last year, namely: "The taxes assessed for the current year shall be due and payable on the first day of August; and on all taxes remaining unpaid on the first day of October, interest, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, shall be added thereto until paid; and the taxes remaining unpaid on the tenth day of January (1901) shall be considered delinquent, and subject to collection according to law. The interest accruing under this vote shall be added to and be a part of such taxes."

Article 16. What compensation will the town allow the Collector of Taxes for the current year?

Voted, That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the current year be four hundred dollars.

Article 17. To hear the report of the Selectmen on guideboards, and act thereon.

Voted, That the following report of the Selectmen on guideboards be accepted.

Guideboards are maintained at the following places: Junction of Jerusalem Road and North Main Street, Forest Avenue and Jerusalem Road, Hull Street and Jerusalem Road, Forest Avenue and North Main Street, King and Beechwood Streets, Doane and Beechwood Streets, Church and Beechwood Streets, Beechwood and South Main Streets, Summer and South Main Streets, Snow Place and Summer Street, Border and Summer Streets.

Article 18. Will the town accept the list of jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen?

Voted, To cross off the names of the eight persons who requested it from the list of jurors.

Voted, To add one name to the juror's list.

Voted, To accept the list of jurors as amended, which was as follows:

Abraham J. Antoine,	Francis Beal,
Franklin Beal,	Edwin W. Bates,
William W. Bates,	John E. Bird,
Irving L. Blossom,	Augustus S. Burgess,
Orlando Curtis,	George L. Davenport,
Thomas W. Doyle,	Sanford L. Damon,
John J. Grassie,	Thomas L. Grassie,
George W. Groce,	Frederick G. James,
George W. Kimball,	Thomas F. Kinsley,
Frederick L. Lincoln,	Waldo C. Locke,
J. Loring Litchfield,	Henry L. McMahon,
Lewellyn A. Litchfield,	James O. McCormack,
Benjamin F. Morse,	Henry R. Nickerson,
John J. A. Pratt,	John Roche,
Thomas A. Rich,	Ephraim Snow, Jr.
William R. Sears,	Willie F. Thayer,
Burgess C. Tower,	Herbert A. Tilden,

Frank W. Wheelright.

Article 19. To hear and act upon the report of any committee.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee on enlargement of cemetery at North Cohasset and adopt the following recommendations.

"We recommend the discharge of this committee and the appointment of another consisting of Benj. D. Hyde, James S. Beal, H. O. Beal, M. F. Dickerson, Jr., and Alfred Beal to secure a suitable piece of land in some other locality and report at the next town meeting."

Article 20. Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in the town the current year in accordance with Chapter 150 Section 5 of the Public Statutes? The polls for the reception of the ballots upon this question

will be opened at half past 11 A. M., and will be kept open until 1 o'clock P. M. Upon the above question 219 ballots were cast, of which 111 were "Yes" and 108 were "No."

ARTICLE 21. Will the town change the name of Nichols avenue to Nichols street?

Voted, To change the name of Nichols avenue to Nichols road.

ARTICLE 22. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the suppression of gambling and the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in the town the current year?

Voted, That the sum of $500, together with any sum of money derived for licenses granted, be appropriated for above purpose.

ARTICLE 23. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to contract with the State Highway Commission to build a section of state road the ensuing year?

Voted, That they be so authorized.

ARTICLE 24. Will the town cause the financial report to be printed and distributed in the month of February, 1902?

Voted, In the affirmative.

ARTICLE 25. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to solicit contributions of money from the abuttors on the streets watered, said contributions to be added to each persons tax and paid to the Town Treasurer to be applied with the town's appropriation for sprinkling streets the coming season, or act upon anything in relation to the matter?

Voted, That they be so authorized.

ARTICLE 26. Will the Town instruct its Selectmen to have the fence around the Common removed?

Voted, That they be so instructed.

ARTICLE 27. To hear and act upon the report of the Committee on Beach privileges.

Voted, To accept the Committee's report on Beach privileges and adopt the following recommendation:

"That the Town offer the present owners of the White

Head property, so called, as surveyed by Daniel N. Tower, being about six acres more or less, including Great and Little White Heads with right of way to the same, the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars."

ARTICLE 28. To hear and act upon the report of the Committee on location for the "Paul Pratt Memorial Library."

Voted, That further action upon above report be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 29. Will the Town adopt the Australian ballot method of voting for their officers and license question, commencing in March, 1902, that is used in other towns such as Canton, Reading, Wakefield, etc., or act thereon?

Voted, Not to adopt the above article.

ARTICLE 30. Will the Town have all of the streets of the Beechwood district (except the further end of North Doane street) watered during the coming season or act thereon?

Voted, That the above article be left to the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 31. Will the town appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for filling in the addition to Pratt's Park, or act thereon?

Voted, That this article be passed over.

ARTICLE 32. Will the town appropriate the sum of seventy dollars for the purpose of hiring the ball field of Mr. Aaron Pratt that was used for that purpose last year, or act thereon?

Voted, In the affirmative.

ARTICLE 33. Will the town place two arc electric lamps on Main street, one at the corner of Depot court and one at the corner of Elm street, or act thereon?

Voted, In the affirmative.

ARTICLE 34. Will the town cause additional electric lights to be placed as follows: One on Spring street near Mrs. Stewart's residence, one on Spring street directly in

front of the Misses Pratt's residence, two on Pleasant street above Thomas Keating's house?

Voted, In the affirmative.

Article 35. Will the town elect a Superintendent of Streets for 1901, by ballot, at a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, who shall hold no other town office at the time of his election, and who shall not, while Superintendent of Streets, be a candidate for any other town office, rescinding any and all previous votes which may conflict with the sense and purpose of this article?

Voted, That this Article be passed over.

Article 36. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to conduct an evening school during the fall and winter months for the teaching of the common branches of study, said school to be under the direct supervision of the School Committee?

Voted, That the sum of one thousand dollars be appropriated for above purpose.

Article 37. Will the Town adopt the Australian ballot system for the election of town officers as provided by the Statutes of the Commonwealth; this Article to become operative at the annual Town Meeting in 1902?

Voted, That this Article be passed over.

Article 38. Will the Town instruct the Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to re-locate or otherwise improve Beechwood street between the residence of Mrs. Anderson and Edwin G. Stewart in order to remove or improve the two very dangerous corners between those points or act thereon?

Voted, That they be so instructed.

Article 39. Will the Town raise the sum of one thousand dollars for improvements on King street, one-half of said amount to be spent between William O. Souther's and Pond street, and the balance of said money between Samuel G. James' and the estate of Levi L. Wor-

rick, particular attention to be paid to narrow and dangerous places?

Voted, That this article be passed over.

ARTICLE 40. Will the Town place a drinking fountain in the square near the Engine House, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated to place a drinking fountain in the square near the Engine House, and that its erection be left under the direction of Charles A. Gross and Daniel N. Tower.

Voted, That the thanks of this meeting be extended to the Moderator for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over it.

Voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Cohasset, held on Tuesday evening, August 27, 1901, at 8 o'clock, agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same, the several articles in the warrant were acted upon as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Chose, Philander Bates, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the report of any committee and act thereon.

Voted, That the report of the committee on removing Jerusalem Road schoolhouse be accepted.

ARTICLE 3. Will the Town reconsider that portion of a vote passed under Article 11 at a special Town Meeting held on the evening of April 27, 1900, whereby a committee was authorized and instructed to remove the schoolhouse now

located on Jerusalem Road to some suitable location and convert it into a Fire Department building?

Voted, To reconsider the vote as per above article.

ARTICLE 4. Will the Town authorize the Selectmen to sell the schoolhouse now in disuse on the Jerusalem Road, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That they be so authorized.

ARTICLE 5. Will the Town cause the chain and posts around the park at the junction of Elm and Margin streets to be removed, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That this article be left to Selectmen, with view of moving hydrant which is in said park.

ARTICLE 6. Will the Town adopt the provisions of Section 360 and 361, Chapter 548, Acts of 1898, of the election of town officers?

Voted, That this article be passed over.

ARTICLE 7. Will the Town elect all its officers required to be elected by ballot at the annual March Town Meetings upon one ballot, the polls for the reception of said ballots to be opened at 7 a. m. and be kept open until 11 a. m. and for such further time as the meeting may by vote direct.

Voted, That this article be adopted.

Voted, That the time of opening be changed to 6.30 a. m.

Voted, To accept article as amended.

Voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset, held on Saturday evening, November 2, 1901, at 8 o'clock, agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served

for holding the same, the several articles in the warrant were acted upon as follows :—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Chose, Philander Bates, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. Will the Town appoint a committee and instruct them to purchase the field occupied for the past two years as a ball field or adjoining lands, to be used as a recreation field for the benefit of the Town's people forever or act thereon?

Voted, That Ephraim Snow, Jr., Milo H. Gates, and Philander Bates, be appointed a committee of three, and instructed to purchase grounds as designated in this article, at a cost not to exceed six thousand dollars and improve the same at an expense not to exceed five hundred dollars. Also that the Selectmen be instructed to raise money for this purpose on two notes of equal amounts, one to be paid from amount to be raised by taxation in 1902 and one in same manner in 1903.

ARTICLE 3. Will the Town authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey whatever interest the Town may have in the Schoolhouse lot at North Cohasset?

Voted, That they be so authorized.

ARTICLE 4. Will the Town authorize the School Committee to contract with some suitable person for the transportation of the children on King street from year to year that attend the Osgood School, commencing December 1st, 1901, the payment of said contract to be paid out of the school appropriation fund for 1902?

Voted, That the School Committee be so authorized.

ARTICLE 5. Will the Town reimburse Ezekiel L. James the sum of seventy-five dollars for cash paid out to H. L. Willard, Jr., for conveying the school children on King street to the Osgood School from April 6th to June 30th, 1901?

Voted, That the Town reimburse Ezekiel L. James the sum of seventy-five dollars.

Voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

MILITARY DUTY.

The number of men in Cohasset liable to perform military duty May 1, 1901 338

DOGS LICENSED.

The number of dogs licensed in Cohasset from December 1st, 1900 to December 1st, 1901 were as follows :—

Male	135
Female	8
Total	143

HARRY F TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

ELECTION RECORD.

November 5th, 1901.

Number of Registered Voters in Cohasset, 555.
Whole number of Ballots cast, 330.

GOVERNOR.

Michael T. Berry of Haverhill, S. L. P.	1
W. Murray Crane of Dalton, Rep.	211
John B. Lewis, Jr., of Reading, Pro.	5
Josiah Quincy of Boston, Dem.	85
George H. Wrenn of Springfield, Dem. S. . . .	3
Blanks	25

Lieutenant-Governor.

John L. Bates of Boston, Rep.	205
John W. Coughlin of Fall River, Dem.	80
Alfred E. Jones of Everett, S. L. P.	0
William H. Partridge of Newton, Pro.	3
Charles W. White of Boston, Dem. S.	2
Blanks	40

Secretary.

Frederick W. Clark of Boston, Pro.	5
Alonzo H. Dennett of Middleborough, Dem. S.	5
Jeremiah O'Fihelly of Abington, S. L. P.	1
William M. Olin of Boston, Rep.	204
Willmore B. Stone of Springfield, Dem.	67
Blanks	48

Treasurer and Receiver-General.

George E. Batchelder of Lynnfield, Pro.	3
Wendall P. Bosworth of Brockton, Dem. S.	2
Edward S. Bradford of Springfield, Rep.	200
Joseph L. Chalifoux of Lowell, Dem.	66
Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield, S. L. P.	1
Blanks	58

Auditor.

James F. Dean of Salem, Dem.	71
Frank Keefe of Lynn, S. L. P.	1
John H. Smith of Dalton, Pro.	5
Frank Thompson of Plymouth, Dem. S.	3
Henry E. Turner of Malden, Rep.	192
Blanks	58

Attorney-General.

Allen Coffin of Nantucket, Pro.	3
John F. Hargraves of Worcester, S. L. P.	1
Herbert Parker of Lancaster, Rep.	195
Arthur A. Putnam of Uxbridge, Dem.	71
Clarence E. Spelman of Westfield, Dem. S.	2
Blanks	58

COUNCILLOR—FIRST DISTRICT.

Herbert L. Chipman of Sandwich, Pro.	5
Charles B. Drew of Hanover, Dem. S.	2
Charles J. McGurk of New Bedford, Dem.	67
David F. Slade of Fall River, Rep.	192
Blanks	64

SENATOR—FIRST PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Thomas Alden of Duxbury, Dem.	74
Thomas H. Dunn of Abington, Dem. S.	5
Elisha T. Harvell of Rockland, Rep.	187
David P. Mathews of Hull, Pro.	8
Blanks	56

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT—THIRD PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Thomas H. Buttimer of Hingham, Dem.	165
William J. Leigh of Hingham, Pro.	4
William H. Litchfield of Hull, Rep.	136
Blanks	25

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—NORFOLK.

Gustave B. Bates of Quincy, Dem. S.	5
Thomas Blanchard of Stoughton, Rep.	187
John Cavanaugh of Braintree, Dem.	78
Blanks	60

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—NORFOLK (To fill vacancy.)

Watts H. Bowker of Brookline, Rep.	102
Marshall P. Wright of Quincy, Dem.	183
Blanks	45

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONERS—NORFOLK.

John Everett of Canton, Rep.	189
Lewis R. Whitaker of Franklin, Rep.	145
Blanks	326

DISTRICT ATTORNEY—SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT.

James P. Barlow of Brockton, Dem. S.	26
Asa P. French of Randolph, Rep., Dem.	216
Blanks	88

CLERK OF COURTS—NORFOLK COUNTY.

Louis A. Cook of Weymouth, Dem., Rep.	232
Blanks	98

SHERIFF—NORFOLK COUNTY.

Samuel H. Capen of Dedham, Dem., Rep.	229
Peter M. Carlson of Quincy, Dem. S.	25
Blanks	76

TOWN CLERK'S CONVENTION.

On the fifteenth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and one, the Town Clerks of Hingham, Cohasset and Hull said towns constituting the Third Plymouth Representative District, assembled at the Town Clerk's office at Hingham, at twelve o'clock M., for the purpose of examining the returns of votes given in and determining who had been elected to represent said district in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January, A. D., 1902, proceeded and canvassed said returns, and found the ballots given in for the several candidates to be as follows:

	Hingham	Cohasset	Hull	Totals
Thomas H. Buttimer of Hingham	282	165	55	502
William J. Leigh of Hingham	27	4	5	36
William H. Litchfield of Hull	222	136	147	505
Blanks	9	25	7	41
Totals	540	330	214	1084

It appearing that William H. Litchfield of Hull, had received a plurality of the votes given in, a certificate of election was issued to him.

WALTER W. HERSEY, Town Clerk Pro. Tem. of Hingham.

HARRY F. Tilden, Town Clerk of Cohasset.

JAMES JEFFREY, Town Clerk of Hull.

List of Marriages, Births and Deaths.—Registered in Cohasset during the year 1901.

MARRIAGES.

Date.	NAME.	Residence	Where and by Whom Married.
Jan. 8	Leonard W. Murdock Edith W. Ferguson	Scituate. Scituate.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. E. Victor Bigelow.
Jan. 15	George Attwood Sylvia Margaret A. Cronican	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
Jan. 16	William Irving Lincoln Edwina Lewis Seaverns	Cohasset. Scituate.	Married in North Scituate by Rev. Albert D. Spaulding.
Feb. 16	Clarence S. Brasill Mary Jane Delory	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
Mar. 17	Frank George Andrews Lulu Woods	Scituate. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
Apr. 10	Fenton W. Varney Selina W. Parker	Scituate. Scituate.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole.
May 29	Thomas F. Harris Mary K. Lean	Gloucester. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Cecil Harper.
June 22	George B. Ellms Nettie G. Brown	Norwell. Scituate.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
June 23	Joseph Manuel Silvia Catherine Elizabeth Connell	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
July 8	Manuel Coit Mary Cumba	Hanson. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Daniel M. Murphy.
Aug. 3	Michael Lyons Bridget Coyne	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
Aug. 10	Adelbert A. Davis Mary L. Litchfield	Whitman. Whitman.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.

Aug. 11	Marshall Griffin Annie Campbell	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
Sept. 1	William E. Jenkins Grace L. Chamberlain	Rockland. Cohasset.	Married in Rockland by Rev F. O. Cunningham.
Sept. 1	George A. Bryson Mary J. Sweeney	Boston. Cohasset.	Married in Boston by Rev. Raymond T. Holway.
Sept. 23	William Joseph Almeda Sarah Lincoln Vargus	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
Sept. 30	Jay Horace Sabin Alice Hanlon	Aurora, Ill. Cohasset.	Married in Worcester by Rev. Willard Scott.
Oct. 9.	Frank Park Sadie Ayer Lowell	Cohasset. Waltham.	Married in Ayer by Rev. W. H. Powell.
Oct. 27	James I. Fuller Bridget Dineen	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
Oct. 26	Ralph Young Martell Lillian Mary Ainslie	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
Nov. 2	Michael Joseph Poland Abby Joseph Coffie	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
Nov. 28	Arne Peterson Mary Violet Enos	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
Dec. 1	Frank James Morris Mary Leonard Trombas	Boston. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
Dec. 29	John Leo Jason Charlotte Louise Silvia	Cohasset. Cohasset.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.

Twenty-four marriages were registered in Cohasset as per list above, of which nineteen were solemnized in this town. Thirteen grooms and eighteen brides were residents of Cohasset, while there were but eleven marriages in which both were residents of this town.

HARRY F. TILDEN, *Town Clerk.*

BIRTHS, 1901.

Date.	Name.	Parent's Name.	Mother's M. N.	Place of Birth.
Jan. 7	Richard Russell Fleming.	John and Delia E.	Kelley.	Parker Ave.
Jan. 23	——— Ford.	Percy T. and Catherine L. W.	McHale.	Beechwood St.
Feb. 1	Mary Estella Davenport.	Arthur L. and Hannah E.	Powers.	Cedar St.
Feb. 11	Agnes Beatrice Mulvey.	William and Margaret L.	Devine.	Pond St.
Feb. 21	——— Amsden.	Fred N. and Eliza J.	Haye.	Jerusalem Road.
Mar. 14	Walter Foster Whitcomb.	Joseph W. and Emma Amelia.	Foster.	Beechwood St.
Mar. 19	Edwin Lassell Wheelock.	Silas W. and Mary.	Lasselle.	Highland Ave.
Mar. 21	Arthur Russell Mulvey.	Arthur and Caroline May.	Murray.	Forest Ave.
Mar. 25	Rutha Grace Kennedy.	John and Mary O.	Connors.	Lincoln Hillside.
Apr. 9	Priscilla Bates Drew.	Clark E. and Mary C.	Bates.	Spring St.
Apr. 23	Belinda Louise Ainslie.	George and Mary L.	Egan.	Doone St.
Apr. 30	Nelson Carlyle Pratt.	Edgar J. and Annie I.	Howland.	Rear No. Main St.
Apr. 30	——— James.	Ezekiel L. and Nellie G.	Bates.	King St.
May 4	Susan Elizabeth James.	Fred G. and Elizabeth R.	McCormack.	King St.
May 12	Herbert Francis McDermott.	John H. and Mary.	Norris.	So. Main st.
May 13	Mary Ethel Keating.	Henry F. and Annie.	O'Brien.	Smith Pl.
May 14	Ernest Augustine Grassie.	Thomas S. and Mary J.	Healy.	Parker Ave.
May 29	Anthony Sydney.	Antone and Josephine.	Frates.	Stockbridge St.
May 31	Amelia Josephine Anderson.	Charles and Annie L.	Cumba.	Parker Ave.
June 6	Esther Loring Damon.	Samfard L. and Olive R.	Wright.	Beechwood St.
July 16	Theodore Marshall Studley.	Clarence and Bertha.	Liswell.	Jerusalem Road.
July 22	Evelyn Elizabeth Grassie.	Joseph E. and Mary A.	Reilly.	Border St.
July 23	Bardin Augustus Prouty.	Herbert B. and Jane.	MacNeil.	King St.
July 23	Harrison Henry.	George L. and Anoslosia.	O'Neil.	Elm St.
Aug. 14	Madeline Bosworth.	Merton L. and ———.	———.	North Cohasset.
Aug. 20	Edith Cornelia Bates.	Elmer E. and Myra E.	Bates.	Beechwood St.
Sept. 4	Dorothy Frances Groce.	Geo. W. and Susanna B.	Atwood.	Hull St.
Sept. 11	Warren Sturtevant Merriam.	Charles W. and Julia B.	Sturtevant.	Sohier St.

Sept. 12 . .	Martha Louise Blossom.	Fred C. and Mary A.	Furgeson.	Border St.
Sept. 14 . .	Merton Lawrence Gilbert.	Darius W. and Florence L.	Goodnow.	Highland Ave.
Sept. 17 . .	——— Davson.	Arthur G. and Annie M.	Olsen.	Stockbridge St.
Oct. 3 . .	Charles Raymond Stover.	Charles E. and Lizzie C.	Rooney.	Border St.
Oct. 8 . .	Arthur Leo Bagwell.	John J. and Mary A.	Finnigan.	Jerusalem Road.
Oct. 8 . .	Cornelius Theodore Matthew McSweeney.	Dannie and Catherine A.	McCarthy.	James' Lane.
Oct. 16 . .	Elizabeth Jane McPhae.	Amos and Mary A.	Perkins.	Beechwood St.
Nov. 1 . .	Howard Raymond Creed.	Howard B. and Helena M.	McKay.	So. Main St.
Nov. 9 . .	Harry Ernest Wilbur.	John H. and Carrie B.	Morse.	No. Main St.
Nov. 13 . .	Winnifred Brooks.	John F. and Alice G.	Nelson.	Summer St.
Nov. 15 . .	Charles James McAuliffe.	Michael F. and Margaret.	O'Connor.	Summer St.
Nov. 19 . .	Mary Avis Clarke.	Edgar C. and Elizabeth J.	Leon.	Hull St.
Nov. 24 . .	Michael Edward Sheehan.	John J. and Mary.	Shea.	Smith Pl.
Dec. 3 . .	Margaret Marion Mulcahy.	John W. and Hannah A.	Hart.	James' Lane.
Dec. 19 . .	Henry Rich Tower.	Thomas A. and ———.	———.	Elm St.

The above list contains the names of forty-three babies, born in Cohasset in 1901, twenty-one were females and twenty-two males, with parentage as follows: American father and mother, 22; American father and foreign mother, 10; Foreign father and American mother, 1; Foreign father and mother, 10.

HARRY F. TILDEN, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS, 1901.

Date.	NAME.	Age. Y.	M.	D.	Cause of Death.	Place of Death.
January 1	Corinna Agusta (Bates) Ellnes	61	5		Brights Disease	South Main Street.
January 12	Ellenor G. Lawrence	57	7	22	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Boston, Mass.
January 16	Joseph Amos Pearson	26	5		Accidental Drowning	Margin Street.
February 1	(1) Catherine S. (Jones) Baker	92		7	Capillary Bronchitis	Hull Street.
February 9	George J. Varney	65			Pericarditis	Boston, Mass.
February 16	Agnes Beatrice Mulvey			5	Umbibical Hemorrhage	Pond Street.
February 17	(1) William B. Taylor	78	1	5	Old Age	Hull Street.
February 20	Sarah Matilda (Miller) Small	60	1	11	Cerebral Hemorrhage	North Main Street.
February 23	Mary Violante	94	9	5	Old Age	Beechwood Street.
February 24	James Warren Harlow	54			Acute Catarrhal Inflammation of Liver	Elm Street.
March 2	(1) Bridget (Keating) Sweeney	59	7	14	Cancer of Stomach	Bow Street.
March 6	Edwin Souther	78	3		Brights Disease	Elm Street.
March 6	Mary A. Silvia	17	5	17	Pneumonia Rheumatic Fever	Stockbridge Street.
March 14	(1) James William Sweeney	26	6	23	Acute Endocarditus	Elm Street.
March 19	Lydia A. Parker	72	2	3	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Boston, Mass.
March 29	Susan (Nichols) Pratt	82	8		Broncho-pneumonia	North Main Street.
April 6	Maria C. Nichols	69	11	20	Indigestion and Cholera Morbus	King Street.
April 14	Michael Malichi Maguire	61	6	20	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Elm Street.
April 14	Grace Richards	83	7		Encepholomalacia	Brookline.
April 15	(2) Mary J. (Galvaith) Lincoln	70			La Grippe	Beechwood Street.
April 16	Lillie Jennie Bogdianoff		3	10	Accidental Choking from Whooping Cough	South Main Street.
April 24	(3) Catherine (Coleman) McCarthy	57	10		Endocarditis	Border Street.
April 25	George Briggs Tower	14	3	12	Pneumonia	South Main Street.
May 19	Emma L. (Locke) Kingsley	33	4		Pulmonary Phthisis	Beechwood Street.
May 29	(2) Esther F. (Munnis) Litchfield	19	2		Phthisis polmonatis	Beechwood Street.
June 4	(1) Henry Williams Ripley	68	5	13	Gangrene	South Main Street.
June 6	Harriet B. Pratt	79			Heart Failure	Worcester.

June 10	Walter J. Mulvey	31	1	9	Pul Phthisis	Boston.
June 25	Andrew Jackson Studley	55	7		Cerebral Hemorrhage	Margin Street.
June 26	Mary Elizabeth Kennedy	2	7	7	Meningitis	Spring Street.
June 30	(1) Isaac Lincoln Morey				Electric Current	
July 15	Bernice Louisa Thayer	5	2	5	Diphtheria	Pleasant Street.
July 17	Elizabeth Willcutt	77	9		Senility	South Main Street.
July 28	(4) Henry A. Turner	76	6	19	Broncho Pneumonia	Jerusalem Road.
August 9	Edward Everett Elms	66	7	7	Cerebral Hemorrhage	South Main Street.
August 19	(2) Alvin Leal Monteiro	3	6	4	Convulsions	Stockbridge Street.
August 28	(5) Charles H. Hayden	75		9	Pneumonia	Jerusalem Road.
September 12	Hannah Barnes	98	6	2	Old Age	Cedar Street.
September 21	Sarah Jane (Kent) Creed	74	8	29	Valvular Disease of Heart	Snow Place.
September 21	(2) Alfred H. A. Seaverns	38	6		Fracture of Skull	South Main Street.
September 25	(5) John Chase Howe	73			Nitral and Acute Disease of Heart	Sohier Street.
September 26	(6) Zoëth Snow	75	11	27	Disease of Heart	Elm Street.
September 29	Lizzie Mae Safford	21	2		Tumor of Brain	Pleasant Street.
October 4	(1) Margaret Josephine Keating	6	5	17	Diphtheria	Pleasant Street.
October 17	Mercy A. Pegram	73	1	12	Bronchitis Carcimora of Shoulder	Boston.
October 18	Oscar Raymond Tirrell	22	11	30	Typhoid Fever	Hingham.
October 19	Pheneas Franklin Burgess	68		28	Drowning Accident	Plymouth.
October 20	(7) Herbert Lee Washburn	42			Dysentery	South Main Street.
October 21	Sarah N. Oakes	74	6	21	Hemplegia	Charlestown.
October 29	Miriam Warren Bates	7	5	24	Embolism of Brain	South Main street.
November 2	Richard Russell Fleming		9	26	Acute Meningitis	Parker Avenue.
November 4	(8) Elana W. Barron	73	2	29	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Border Street.
November 8	Priscilla Catherine Tilden	58	7	15	Apoplexy	South Main Street.
November 28	Abbie A. Burbank	85	11		Valvular Disease of Heart	North Main Street.
December 2	Ida D. Tirrell	7	1	22	Pneumonia	North Cohasset.
December 9	William Robbins Collier	48	5	3	Heart Failure	Beach Street
December 24	Julia Peters	38			Typhoid Fever	Boston.
December 23	Adelaide M. Stoddard	34		19	Consumption of Lungs	Chelsea, Mass.
April 3	Verna L. Ainslie		3	6		Norwell.
November 10	William F. Harris				Locomotor Ataxia	Togus, Maine.
1900.						
December 30	Maxemillian Lenz		8	4	Diarrhœa	Hingham.

1. Buried at Hingham. 2. Buried at Scituate. 3. Buried at West Quincy. 4. Buried at Cambridge. 5. Buried at Forest Hills. 6. Buried at Brewster. 7. Buried at Plympton. 8. Buried at Freeport, Me.

The above list comprises sixty-one names and includes seventeen who have died in other places, who were either residents of this town, or were brought here for burial.

Of the forty-four who died in this town, twenty were males and twenty-four were females, and their average age was fifty years, four months, and nineteen days.

Twenty-one were born in Cohasset, four in Boston, four in Hingham, one in Kingston, one in Cambridgeport, one in Scituate, one in Brewster, one in Plymouth, one in Plympton, one in Mendon, one in Unity, Me., one in Allegheny, Pa., one in New York City, and six in foreign countries.

Five were under five years, three between five and ten years, three between ten and twenty, two between twenty and thirty, two between thirty and forty, five between fifty and sixty, six between sixty and seventy, ten between seventy and eighty, two between eighty and ninety and three over ninety years of age.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE SELECTMEN

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1901.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1901.

The Selectmen herewith submit the annual report of receipts and expenditures, which will be found on examination somewhat less in amount than last year, but as no special account seems to need explanation at this time, we desire to call attention to the damage done by dogs in the town the last few years, and to call the attention of those who may suffer loss in the years to come to the law in such cases provided. Section one of the Acts of 1889, a part of which is here quoted, is as follows: "Whoever suffers loss by the worrying, maiming, or killing of his sheep, lambs, fowls, or other domestic animals by dogs without the enclosure of the owners or keepers of such dogs, may, if the damage is done in a city, inform the officers of police of said city who shall be designated to receive such information by the authority appointing the police, and if the damage is done in a town may inform the chairman of the selectmen of the town wherein the damage was done, who shall proceed to the premises where the damage was done and determine whether the same was inflicted by dogs, and if so, appraise the amount thereof, if not exceeding twenty dollars. If in the opinion of said officer of police, or chairman, the amount exceeds twenty dollars, he shall appoint two disinterested persons who, with himself, shall appraise under oath the amount thereof. The said appraisers shall also consider and include

in such damages the labor and time necessarily expended in the finding and collecting of the sheep, lambs, fowl, or other domestic animals so injured or separated, and the value of those lost or otherwise damaged by dogs. The said officer of police, or chairman, shall return a certificate of the damages found, except in the County of Suffolk, to the treasurer of the county where the damage is done, within ten days after such appraisal is made."

Section two of said Act, a part of which is here quoted, is as follows: "The mayor and aldermen of a city, or the selectmen of a town may offer a reward not exceeding ten dollars for the killing of any dog found to have worried, maimed, or killed any sheep, lambs, fowls, or other domestic animals, therebv causing damage for which the owner thereof may become entitled to compensation from the Dog Fund, as provided in Section One of this Act, or for evidence which shall determine to the satisfaction of the mayor and aldermen of a city, or the selectmen of a town, who is the owner or keeper of the dog or dogs by which such damage is done."

Another matter we wish to call to the attention of the citizens of the town is, that largely through the efforts of William O. Souther, Jr., Lily Pond has been recently stocked with food fish by the Board of Commissioners on Inland Fisheries and Game, who have appointed Mr. Souther as their deputy for the enforcement of their regulations, a copy of which is printed herewith.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND GAME.

NOTICE.

The Commissioners on Fisheries and Game having caused Lily Pond, in the town of Cohasset, to be stocked with food fish, in accordance with Chapter 208, Acts of 1897, hereby

close said pond and its tributaries to all fishing from the first day of November to the first day of June of each year, for a term of three years from this date. Said pond is open to fishing with single hook and handline, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday of each week, from the first day of June to the first day of November of each year for the said three years.

Penalty for violation of these regulations, twenty dollars for each offence.

J. W. COLLINS,
E. A. BRACKETT,
J. W. DELANO.

Board of Commissioners on Inland Fisheries and Game.

BOSTON, November 22, 1901.

EXPENDITURES.

Town of Cohasset for the year ending December 31, 1901.

By the Selectmen.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' RELIEF.

Margaret Nott.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		$48 00
Emily N. Phinney.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		72 00
Leander W. Groce.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		126 00
Mrs. Oliver D. Morey and Child.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		241 00
Mrs. James Rooney and Son.		
Paid Caleb F. Nichols, agent, house rent . . .	$60 00	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., attendance . . .	20 25	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	5 67	85 92
Isaac H. Tower and family.		
Paid Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance prior to April 1		7 00
Total Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief .		$579 92

STATE AID.

Harriet J. Apts.	
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	$48 00
Martha Barnes.	
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .	48 00

Clarinda R. Bennett.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		$48 00
Frederick N. Curtis.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		60 00
Susan Curtis.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		48 00
Alfred Haskell.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		72 00
Delia Rooney.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		48 00
Rose A. DeSantos.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		48 00
Selectmen for William F. Harris.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$16 00	
Fares and expenses to Togus, Me., etc. . .	21 70	
N. Y. & B. Despatch Co., transportation . .	10 80	
A. B. Litchfield, opening grave	3 00	
		51 50
William F. Thayer.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		42 00
Leander W. Groce.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		48 00
Helen M. Studley.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		8 00
Manuel Prada.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		4 50
		$574 00
Amount to be reimbursed by the State .		538 50
Expenses attending W. F. Harris's removal to Togus, and subsequent death . .		35 50

MILITARY AID.

Warren Newcomb.		
Paid orders on Town Treasury . . .		$120 00
Robert L. Curtis.		
Paid orders on Town Treasury	$120 00	
Lincoln Bros., Coal . .	12 00	
		132 00
Willie F. Thayer.		
Paid orders on Town Treasury . . .		72 00
Andrew J. Studley.		
Paid orders on Town Treasury . . .		60 00
		$384 00
Amount to be reimbursed by the State .		186 00
Net total, Military Aid . . .		$198 00

SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Paid Treasurer of School Committee, Town's appropriation for day schools . .	$14,500 00
Treasurer of School Committee, Town's appropriation for evening school .	1,000 00
Treasurer of School Committee, income from Ripley fund	40 40
Treasurer of School Committee, net proceeds of dog licenses	284 30
	$15,824 70

WATER FOR HYDRANTS.

Paid Cohasset Water Co. .	$2,450 00	
Hingham Water Co. .	125 00	
		$2,575 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Treasurer of Cohasset Electric Co. .	$5,207 50

TREE WARDEN.

Paid orders of Tree Warden . . .		$293 40

The report of the Tree Warden may be found on page

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid William F. Thayer, Quartermaster, Henry Bryant Post, No. 98, G. A. R. . .		$100 00

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid sundry persons as per report of the Superintendent of Streets to be found on page —		$561 69

DRINKING FOUNTAINS.

Paid Henry F. Jenks, fountain No. 3, located at junction Elm and South Main streets	$134 00	
Freight on above . .	2 85	
William W. Bates, stone curbing . . .	77 80	
Arthur Mulvey, broken stone and loam . .	68 13	
William Mulvey, team .	8 50	
Manuel P. Valine, labor .	10 00	
Daniel N. Tower, C. E. services . . .	40 00	
Daniel N. Tower, drain pipe	72	
Patrick Downes, labor .	3 50	
Chas. W. Gammons, Tr., gravel	2 89	
Harry F. Tilden, team .	14 00	
Cohasset Water Co., labor, etc.	40 02	
		$402 41

Paid Henry F. Jenks, fountain No. 4, to be located at junction Beach street and Atlantic avenue . .	$132 00	
Freight on above . .	2 52	
		$134 52
		$536 93

TOWN COMMON.

Paid Thomas Mulcahy, mowing	$52 50	
Benjamin F. Morse, mowing	90 00	
Elmer E. Bates, mowing .	16 25	
Est. Allen C. Bates, tools, etc.	1 85	
		$160 60

STREET SPRINKLING.

Paid William Mulvey, gravel teaming, etc., 1900 .	$72 00	
F. E. Whitney & Co., repairs on pump, etc. .	51 71	
Tower Bros. & Co., gasolene, etc. . . .	45 16	
Hingham Water Co., water and stand-pipe . .	148 00	
Est. Alden Beal, sprinkling per contract . . .	500 00	
Est. Alden Beal, use of cart	40 00	
Harry F. Tilden, sprinkling per contract . . .	700 00	
Harry F. Tilden, use of two carts	80 00	
Harry F. Tilden, storage of cart	25 00	

Paid George Jason, sprinkling per contract . . .	$420 00	
George Jason, sprinkling Depot avenue . .	23 00	
Gould Manufacturing Co., washers for pump . .	1 50	
Joseph A. Valine, care of pump	25 00	
Tilden Carriage Co., repairs on cart . .	8 75	
Samuel D. Tower, painting cart	25 00	
Cohasset Water Co, labor	3 00	
Henry E. Brennock, labor	1 50	
		$2,169 62
Less amount eontributed .		551 00
		$1,618 62

STRAITS POND.

Paid Alfred Beal, care of gate	$80 00	
M. Donahue, repairs on gate	2 00	
Town of Hull, one-half cost of cleaning the pond .	36 00	
H. L. Willard, Jr., carriage hire . . .	2 50	
		$120 50

CATTLE INSPECTION.

Paid Darius W. Gilbert, V. S., Inspector .	$100 00

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Vining & Mathews, advertising	$40 00	
Warren F. Snow, metallic caskets, etc. . .	57 00	

Paid Melvin & Badger, disinfecting apparatus . .	$44 40	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., disinfectants, etc. . .	16 85	
Manuel L. Botaylio, labor, pond, Pleasant Beach .	10 00	
Manuel C. Souza, labor, Pleasant Beach . .	10 00	
Charles Joseph, labor, pond, Pleasant Beach .	6 00	
Benjamin F. Morse, labor and team . . .	3 50	
William D. Litchfield, burying a horse . . .	3 00	
Harry F. Tilden, carriage hire	2 50	
H. L. Willard, Jr., carriage hire . . .	2 00	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D.,	8 75	
Philander Bates, services and expenses . .	21 05	
Newcomb B. Tower, services	20 00	
Herbert A. Tilden, services	10 00	
		$255 05

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid orders of the Fire Engineers . .	$1,046 20

The report of the above Board may be found on page

TOWN HALL.

Paid Cohasset Electric Co., lighting . . .	$444 50	
William T. Tilden, janitor	450 00	

Paid Ladies' Charitable Society, stove	$18 00	
Caleb Lothrop, agent, insurance . . .	166 50	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	102 63	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal and wood . . .	122 04	
Sargent, Conant, & Co., electric wiring . .	43 86	
Est. Allen C. Bates, brooms, pails, etc. . . .	25 15	
William T. Tilden, floor wax, etc. . . .	4 60	
Edgar J. Pratt, setting stove pipe, etc. . . .	3 75	
Henry E. Brennock, labor	1 75	
		$1,382 78
Cr.		
Received for rent of hall . .	$350 00	
from Public Library, lights, etc. . . .	150 00	500 00
		$882 78

PRINTING.

Paid Weymouth & Braintree Publishing Co., reports	$205 80	
Weymouth & Braintree Publishing Co., warrants and notices . . .	19 75	
Albert D. Spaulding, notices	13 25	
George W. Southworth, assessors' blanks . .	5 55	
Horace M. Dolbeare, assessors' notices . .	1 00	

Paid Cotton & Gould, tax bills, etc.	$13 35	
Vining & Mathews, notices	2 50	
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., blank books . .	7 75	
Souther Bros., poll tax list, etc.	25 25	
Hobbs & Warren Co., blanks . . .	83	
		$295 03

STATE ROAD—THIRD SECTION.

Paid orders of Superintendent of Streets .	$1,208 76

See report of Superintendent of Streets on page for details.

HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS.

Paid orders of Superintendent of Streets .	$9,554 13

See report of Superintendent of Streets on page for details.

RECREATION FIELD.

Paid Herbert A. Tilden, for deed . .	$3.500 00

BALL FIELD.

Paid Aaron Pratt, rent .	$70 00	
Caleb Lothrop, agent, . rent	87 50	
Manuel S. Leonard, labor	5 00	
		$162 50

NIGHT POLICE.

Paid Thomas Mannix . .	$730 00	
J. William Edwards .	730 00	
Sidney L. Beal . .	368 00	
Manuel P. Valine . .	252 00	
Frank Jason . . .	258 00	
		$2,338 00

SPECIAL POLICE.

Paid Sidney L. Beal, Sunday duty	$40 00	
William J. Brennock, Sunday duty, etc. . .	96 00	
Andrew H. Prouty, holiday duty	6 00	
Robert L. Curtis, holiday duty	4 00	
M. William Sylvia, services	53 75	
		$199 75

LEGAL COUNSEL.

Paid Tower, Talbert & Hiler, services . . .	$177 51	
Tower & North, services .	55 00	
		$232 51

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Paid Treasurer of Cohasset Public Library . . .	$1,000 00	
Treasurer of Nantasket Public Library . .	100 00	
		$1,100 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid Treasurer of the Commonwealth, State Tax . .	$3,395 00	
Treasurer of Norfolk County, County Tax .	4,144 47	
Treasurer of the Commonwealth, State Highway Tax	29 62	
		$7,569 09

ABATEMENTS.

Paid from tax list of 1891 .	$3 75	
" " " " 1893 .	18 20	
" " " " 1894 .	14 00	
" " " " 1895 .	24 39	
" " " " 1896 .	74 33	
" " " " 1897 .	81 13	
" " " " 1898 .	93 92	
" " " " 1899 .	76 61	
" " " " 1901 .	56 26	
		$442 59

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Abraham H. Tower, Treasurer, balance 1900 .	$200 00
Abraham H. Tower, Treasurer	400 00
Abraham H. Tower, Collector of Taxes . .	200 00
Philander Bates, services and expenses as Selectman	181 70
Philander Bates, services and expenses as Assessor	234 75
Philander Bates, copying valuation for State .	30 00

Paid Philander Bates, corporation and bank taxes .	$22 00
Newcomb B. Tower, services as Selectman and expenses . . .	153 00
Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses as Assessor . . .	206 94
Newcomb B. Tower, copying valuation for State .	10 00
Newcomb B. Tower, corporation and bank taxes	36 00
Herbert A. Tilden, services as Selectman . .	100 00
Herbert A. Tilden, services as Assessor . . .	125 00
Herbert A. Tilden, copying valuation for State .	20 00
Harry F. Tilden, services as Town Clerk . .	75 00
Harry F. Tilden, services as Registrar of Voters .	23 00
John L. Pratt, services as Registrar of Voters .	23 00
Caleb F. Nichols, services as Registrar of Voters .	15 00
Cornelius O'Keefe, services as Registrar of Voters .	15 00
Thomas W. Doyle, services as Registrar of Voters .	8 00
Est. Edward E. Ellms, services as Registrar of Voters	8 00
Paul J. Bates, services as Sealer of Weights and Measures . . .	50 00

Paid Joseph Jason, Jr., services as Harbor Master . .	$25 00	
Wentworth J. Earl, services as Auditor . .	25 00	
John M. Damon, services as Election Officer .	3 50	
George Jason, services as Election Officer, 2 years	7 00	
Henry E. Brennock, services as Election Officer	3 50	
John Roche, services as Election Officer . .	3 50	
John Roche, services as Constable . . .	57 00	
Edward E. Wentworth, services as Constable .	62 05	
Thomas Mannix, services, Constable . . .	57 50	
Sidney L. Beal, services, Constable . . .	47 00	
Manuel S. Enos, services, Constable . . .	45 00	
		$2,472 44

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Luther J. Bates, distributing reports . . .	$7 00	
Manuel S. Enos, care of lockup	10 00	
Manuel S. Enos, posting warrants . . .	2 00	
Harry F. Tilden, team for Registrars of Voters and Town Clerk . . .	21 00	
Harry F. Tilden, fares .	2 00	

Paid A. Bradford Litchfield, court fees . . .	$21 96
O. H. Howe, M. D., return of births . . .	4 25
O. H. Howe, M. D., paid express . . .	2 00
Boston Lightning Rod Co., Osgood School . .	125 00
N. B. Peare, court fees .	9 55
Edward E. Wentworth, court fees . . .	27 42
Edward E. Wentworth, posting warrants . .	6 00
E. H. Burdakin, copy of transfers . . .	15 00
Abby H. Souther, postage stamps, etc. . . .	30 38
Tower Bros. & Co., fishways	9 18
Tower Bros. & Co., sundries	11 71
Tower Bros. & Co., street signs	1 65
Tower Bros. & Co., covering for Atlantic avenue bridge	89 18
Henry R. Nickerson, fishways	3 00
Otis O. Bishop and others, fishways . . .	13 00
George O. Higgins, mowing Cove Park . . .	5 00
Stone & Webster, testing electric lights . .	39 33
Herbert L. Brown, town pump	7 25

Paid Ezekiel L. James, remuneration, as per vote . .	$75 00
H. L. Willard, Jr., team for Constable . .	1 50
H. L. Willard, Jr., team for Assessors . .	9 50
H. L. Willard, Jr., fares	1 30
Harry W. Lincoln, stock and labor painting bridges	161 10
Souther Bros., pencils .	20
Philander Bates, boots, Fire Department . .	4 00
Cohasset Mut. Fire Ins. Co., Osgood School .	35 00
Tilden Carriage Co., guide boards . . .	23 80
Tilden Carriage Co., sundries	9 35
William T. Tilden, care of clock	30 00
Est. F. H. Nichols, draperies	5 88
Emery Record Preserving Co., restoring and rebinding records . .	85 00
Cohasset Water Co., labor	3 60
Cohasset Water Co., piping	9 68
Manuel P. Valine, labor Atlantic Ave. bridge .	15 75
Harry F. Tilden, recording births . . .	25 00
Harry F. Tilden, recording deaths . . .	12 60
Harry F. Tilden, recording marriages . .	5 00

Paid	Harry F. Tilden, burial permits . . .	$ 7 05
	Harry F. Tilden, certificates	1 00
	Harry F. Tilden, administering oaths . . .	6 25
	Harry F. Tilden, paid express	2 90
	Harry F. Tilden, printing and stationery . .	11 80
	Samuel D. Tower, painting signs	22 00
	Daniel N. Tower, C. E., surveying . . .	14 00
	Est. Allen C. Bates, pump, etc.	21 50
	City of Quincy, use of lock-up, etc. . . .	1 10
	Frank H. Pratt, labor on Mill and Cove bridges, 1899	8 50
	Nathaniel W. Treat, labor Atlantic Ave. bridge .	18 55
	Nathaniel W. Treat, drain, Sandy Cove . . .	19 50
	Nathaniel W. Treat, Jr., drain, Sandy Cove .	9 00
	Sidney L. Beal, killing and burying dog . .	1 00
	William T. Tilden, labor on booths, etc. . .	7 50
	Philander Bates, paid express	4 94
	Newcomb B. Tower, use of typewriter, etc. . .	15 00

Paid Chas. B. Bridgham, M.D., return of births . .	$1 25	
Peter C. Kimball, lunch for election officers, 1900 .	10 00	
Leroy Mott, use of float stage	3 00	
		$1,161 96

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

December 31, 1901.

OSGOOD SCHOOLHOUSE DEBT.

Cohasset Savings Bank, (old issue) due 1902	$3,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, (new issue) due 1903	1,375 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, (new issue) due 1904	1,375 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, (new issue) due 1905	1,375 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, (new issue) due 1906	1,375 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, (new issue) due 1907	1,375 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, (new issue) due 1908	1,375 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, (new issue) due 1909	1,375 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, (new issue) due 1910	1,375 00
	$14,000 00

COHASSET SAVINGS BANK DEMAND LOAN.

Cohasset Savings Bank, 3 notes of 1896 .	$12,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, 2 notes of 1897 .	10,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, Balance Bridge note of 1897	2,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, 3 notes of 1898 .	10,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, 1 note of Jan. 1902 .	4,000 00
	$38,000 00

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Time note due Dec. 1, 1902 . . .	$3,400 00
Time note due Dec. 1, 1903 . . .	3,400 00
Total interest bearing debt . .	$58,800 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

December 31, 1901.

Due from Commonwealth for State and Military Aid	$724 50
City of Boston	153 89
City of Cambridge . . .	90 23
Town of Hingham . . .	40 50
Town of Scituate	96 00
Charles H. Willard . . .	742 83
Julia A. Glynn	302 74
Frank E. Salvedor . . .	40 00
Pumping plant, Border street .	900 00
Water Cart	250 00
Steam Roller and Building . .	2,500 00
Balance in treasury	11,759 03
	$17,599 72
Total debt of Town	$58,800 00
Deduct assets	17,599 72
Net Debt	$41,200 28

ESTIMATES.

Amounts estimated by the Selectmen required to meet the expenses of the town for the year ending December 31st, 1902 :—

For payment of debt	$6,400 00
payment of interest	3,000 00
support of schools	14,500 00
support and relief of poor	6,500 00
highways and sidewalks	9,000 00
electric lights	5,400 00
water for hydrants, etc.	2,775 00
watering streets	2,500 00
soldiers' and sailors' relief	600 00
town officers	2,500 00
night police	2,500 00
fire department	1,000 00
removing snow	1,000 00
public libraries	1,100 00
memorial day	100 00
printing	300 00
military aid	200 00
inspection of cattle	100 00
town hall	1,200 00
board of health	200 00
tree warden	300 00
iron bridge	1,000 00
incidentals	1,000 00
recreation field	2,000 00
common	200 00
Straits pond	150 00
	$65,525 00

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Valuation of real estate, May 1, 1900	$2,943,457 00
Valuation of personal estate, May 1, 1900	2,606,805 00
Total valuation, May 1, 1900	$5,550,262 00
Valuation of real estate, May 1, 1901	$3,109,080 00
Valuation of personal estate, May 1, 1901	2,792,746 00
Total valuation May 1, 1901	$5,901,826 00
Increase of real estate May 1, 1901	$165,623 00
Increase of personal estate May 1, 1901	185,941 00
Total increase in valuation May 1, 1901	$351,564 00
Number of polls May 1, 1901 .	643
Additional polls to Nov. 1, 1901	7
State tax, 1901	$3,395 00
State tax, 1901, highways . .	29 62
County tax, 1901	4,144 47
Town grant, 1901	48,945 00
Overlayings, 1901 . . .	2,613 60
Total tax assessed, 1901 .	$59,127 69
Tax rate per $1000, 1901 . .	$9 80
Number persons assessed, 1901 .	1,118
Number of persons assessed on property May 1, 1901 . .	880
Number of persons assessed poll tax only, 1901	238
Population June 1, 1900, U. S. Census	2,759

Number of dwellings assessed, 1901	647
Number of horses assessed, 1901 .	459
Number of cows assessed, 1901 .	243
Number of neat cattle assessed, 1901	29
Number of swine assessed, 1901 .	12
Number of fowl	1879

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN

During the year 1901.

February, Edward C. Tower, Supreme Judicial Court.
March, Fred G. James, Grand Juror.
March, Lewellan A. Litchfield, Superior Court.
April, Waldo C. Locke, Superior Court.
August, Edwin W. Bates, Superior Court.
September, Thomas L. Grassie, Superior Court.
November, Abraham J. Antoine, Superior Court.
December, J. Loring Litchfield, Superior Court.

LIST OF JURORS

Submitted to the Town by the Selectmen for its acceptance or revision at the annual Town Meeting to be held March 3, 1902.

Augustus L. Burgess,
Francis Beal,
Franklin Beal,
Irving L. Blossom,
William W. Bates,
Cyrus H. Bates,
Edgar W. Bates,
James A. Bouve,
Walter D. Brooks,
Orlando Curtis,
B. Preston Clark,
Charles H. Cousens,
George L. Davenport,
Sanford L. Damon,
Thomas W. Doyle,
Jason M. Ennice,
Edwin L. Furber,
John Flemming,

John J. Grassie,
George W. Groce,
Darius W. Gilbert,
Charles H. Hackett,
Thomas F. Kinsley,
George W. Kimball,
Frederic L. Lincoln,
Henry L. McMahon,
Benjamin F. Morse,
James O. McCormack,
James J. McElroy,
Henry R. Nickerson,
Caleb Nichols,
Stephen R. Nichols,
John J. A. Pratt,
Edgar J. Pratt,
Thomas A. Rich,
Ephraim Snow, Jr.,
William R. Sears,
George A. Stewart,
Willie F. Thayer,
Herbert A. Tilden,
Burgess C. Tower,
Daniel N. Tower,
Frank W. Wheelwright,
Joseph N. Willcutt,
Charles Wilson,
George Young.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Twenty-seven cases of contagious diseases were returned by the physicians of the town to the Board of Health during the year 1901, of which nineteen were diphtheria, six were measles, and one each were scarlet fever and typhoid fever. Two cases of diphtheria proved fatal.

The close of the year finds the town nearly free from such, and wholly free from other contagious or infectious diseases, although twenty-two of the above cases occurred during its last half.

The expenditures by this board may be found in the Selectmen's report, pages 41-42.

PHILANDER BATES,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
HERBERT A. TILDEN,
Board of Health.

Cohasset, December 31, 1901.

REPORT OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT. DEBIT.

Paid George W. Tinkham, superintendent . .	$637 50
Harry F. Tilden, grain . .	191 95
Harry F. Tilden, team .	21 00
C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance prior to April 1	3 00
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., attendance prior to April 1	16 50
Frank W. Browne, medicines	58 50
Joseph St. John, groceries	206 19
Philander Bates, boots and shoes	40 97
Thomas A. Stevens, meats	51 77
Alban D. Gillis, horse shoeing	39 00
Smithin Bros., markers for graves . . .	21 00
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	53 00
Cohasset Clothing Co. .	16 50
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	6 49
Charles E. MacKenzie, horse shoeing . .	17 00
Gross & Nichols, groceries	128 71
L. I. Thayer, meats . .	53 61
Souther Bros., Daily Globe	6 00
Joseph E. Grassie, provisions	52 73

Paid	Mary R. Cushing, plants .	$ 5 30
	Est. Allen C. Bates, tinware, etc. . . .	41 80
	Tilden Carriage Co., repairs, etc. . . .	65 30
	Est. Frances H. Nichols, dry goods . . .	77 97
	L. A. Smith, millinery .	4 84
	Frank E. Winslow, provisions . . .	201 80
	Cohasset Supply Co., groceries	106 93
	Tower Bros. & Co., paints, groceries, etc. . .	99 67
	Geo. K. Nickerson, meats	77 91
	Massachusetts Ploughman	2 00
	Thomas White, painting .	23 00
	William O. Souther, ploughing	4 00
	Cyrus W. Bates, beach right	5 00
	William H. H. Hancock, repairing clock . .	90
	Alfred M. Pratt, oysters and crackers . .	10 75
	Matthew Markwick, cutting wood . . .	30 63
	Mrs. Bowditch, nursing .	7 00
	Lorenzo Belcher, cow .	50 00
	Litchfield's Express, expressing . . .	4 20
	Browning, King & Co., Clothing . . .	5 00
	Otis O. Bishop, filing saws	3 75
	Emile Huft, nursing .	32 00

Paid East Weymouth Baker, bread, etc. . . .	$ 3 20	
Mrs. B. W. Rich, clothing	1 50	
Charles Kelley, labor .	18 00	
George Prince, nursing .	7 50	
W. W. Rawson & Co., seeds	2 25	
Joseph White, pig . .	6 00	
Joseph B. Moors, cow .	17 00	
Daniel Sullivan, 2 cows .	65 00	
W. H. Pratt, bread, etc. .	13 36	
F. W. Wheelwright, mowing	11 00	
Charles Welch, labor .	21 50	
Herbert Bates, labor .	22 00	
Seaverns & Spear, bedding	8 87	
Harry White, labor . .	6 00	
L. A. Douglas, clothing .	4 00	
Levi L. Worrick, lumber .	7 00	
C. L. Stephens, boots .	2 25	
Houghton & Dutton, dry goods	1 49	
Cash to and for inmates .	12 50	
Sundry small bills . .	13 83	
Russell B. Murray, straw .	4 00	
Danforth P. Sylvester, provisions . . .	51 30	
Philander Bates, services .	30 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, services	27 50	
Herbert A. Tilden, services	10 00	
Almshouse debit		$2,848 22

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT, CREDIT.

Received of Thomas E. Bowser, eggs	$3 30
S. Walla, fowl and eggs .	18 34
Abner Dalby, fowl . .	6 48
Abner Dalby, cow . .	35 00
Mrs. William O'Keef, hay	7 59
Thomas Mulcahy, hay .	8 33
Mrs. T. F. Furber, posts, etc.	15 00
Matthew Mulhearn, hay .	5 17
Newcomb B. Tower, hay	9 24
Arthur H. Thayer, cow .	20 00
Miss Gertrude Edmunds, cow	50 00
Frank E. Winslow, provisions . . .	4 80
Joseph Busig, eggs . .	2 35
Joseph E. Grassie, eggs .	6 07
John Donovan, produce .	60
Daniel Sullivan, cow .	25 00
Wentworth J. Earl, use of cow	25 00
Jesse T. Barnes, pasturage	6 00
Levi L. Worrick, pasturage	12 00
Mrs. Sarah J. McCormack, pasturage . . .	20 00
Arthur A. Davenport, eggs	12 40
Henry White, vegetables	60
Herbert O. Prouty, milk	2 61
Thomas L. Bates, hay .	7 21
Philander Bates, hay .	8 69

Received of Cohasset Supply Co., produce . .	$12 08	
Joseph St. John, eggs .	3 96	
Louisa Burbank, wood .	21 00	
Frank E. Winslow, hay .	82 50	
Frank E. Winslow, cow .	15 00	
Danforth P. Sylvester, cabbages	2 40	
Joseph Frates, wood .	2 25	
Thomas A. Stevens, cow .	40 00	
Samuel Nichols, milk, etc.	13 83	
Russell B. Murray, pasturage	18 00	
Abraham H. Tower, trustee, for board of John J. Lothrop . . .	135 81	
William F. Harris, pension and State Aid . .	52 00	
Removing snow . .	21 00	
Board of 471 tramps .	188 40	
		$920 01
Almshouse debit brought forward	$2,848 22	
Almshouse credit brought forward	920 01	
Almshouse debit, net . .		$1,928 21

The following persons have been inmates of the almshouse during the full year 1901:

Michael Sweeney, Lillian F. Litchfield,
William C. Hayden, Ralph P. Litchfield, minor,
John J. Lothrop, boarder, Hester A. Harris, minor,
Edgar Harris, minor.

The following persons have been inmates of the almshouse a portion only of the year 1901:

William F. Harris, boarder, John E. Groce.

NUMBER OF TRAMPS LODGED.

January, 119	May, 26	September, 12
February, 56	June, 10	October, 15
March, 103	July, 6	November, 32
April, 46	August, 5	December, 41
Total for 1901		471

ASSISTANCE RENDERED OUTSIDE THE ALMS-HOUSE.

Julia A. Glynn.		
Paid C. B. Bridgham, M.D., attendance, prior to Sept. 1	$2 00	
Edward E. Wentworth, commitment expenses .	18 30	
Harry F. Tilden, carriage	7 00	
		$27 30
Isaac L. Morey.		
Paid Warren F. Snow, undertaker	$45 00	
Ephraim Battles and wife.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$307 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	24 48	
		$331 48
Mary A. Anderson, for three grandchildren.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer		$120 00
George A. Damon.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer		$96 00
Southward Pratt.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$130 00	
O. H. Howe, M.D., attendance, prior to Sept. 1 .	1 00	

Paid Philander Bates, repairs of boots	$1 20	
		$132 20

John Sylvia, wife and child. .

Paid orders on Town Treasurer		$156 00

Gertrude Carlson, for her daughter.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer		$72 00

Joseph F. Bandura, wife and four children.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$255 00	
Mass. Homœopathic Hospital	128 60	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., prior to April 1 . . .	4 50	
Philander Bates, boots, etc.	6 50	
		$394 60

Mrs. Julia E. Sylvia and three children.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer		$108 00

Mrs. Mary Roderick and four children.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer		$160 00

Louis J. Frates, wife and two children.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$165 20	
William W. Bates, house rent	66 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	38 65	
L. I. Thayer, meats . .	24 19	
C. B. Bridgham, M.D., attendance, prior to April 1	1 00	
H. E. Fernald, M.D., attendance, prior to Sept. 1	3 75	

Paid Frank W. Browne, medicines	$2 05	
Philander Bates, rubbers .	60	
		$301 44

Joseph E. Smith and son.

Paid Lot W. Bates, house rent	$46 00	
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	104 68	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	16 10	
Charles H. Hackett, wood	6 00	
C. B. Bridgham, M.D., attendance, prior to April 1	3 00	
		$175 78

Mrs. Louisa Burbank and daughter.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$35 00	
Lot W. Bates, house rent	46 00	
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	109 43	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	23 89	
Philander Bates, boots .	5 05	
George F. Hayden, boots	10 60	
Samuel E. Pratt, milk .	12 00	
George K. Nickerson, meats	28 65	
Almshouse, wood . .	21 00	
O. H. Howe, M.D., attendance . . .	1 00	
		$292 62

Rose Andrews and Mary I. Violante.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$61 74	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	25 38	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	7 76	
Warren F. Snow, undertaker	35 00	

Paid A. Bradford Litchfield, opening grave . .	$5 00	
		$134 88

Manuel A. Sylvia and wife.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries		$90 23

Joseph W. Almeida, wife and three children.

Paid Joseph St. John, groceries	$2 50	
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	8 41	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	17 56	
H. E. Fernald, M.D., attendance, prior to April 1	2 00	
		$30 47

Antoine Vargus, Jr., wife and three children.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$22 47	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	21 00	
Aaron Pratt, house rent .	72 00	
H. E. Fernald, M.D., attendance, prior to April 1	8 00	
		$123 47

Mrs. Mary Frates.

Paid Caleb F. Nichols, house rent	$16 00	
Joseph D. Hutchinson, house rent . . .	44 80	
Tower Bros. & Co., cash and groceries . .	55 29	
Philander Bates, boots .	2 45	
		$118 54

Mrs. Joseph H. Wilson and four children.

Paid Joseph St. John, groceries	$145 82	
George A. Sylvia, groceries	24 00	
Joseph D. Hutchinson, house rent . . .	62 25	
Lot W. Bates, house rent	11 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal and wood . . .	29 88	
George K. Nickerson, meats	$23 15	
Philander Bates, boots .	13 77	
C. B. Bridgham, attendance, prior to April 1 .	2 50	
O. H. Howe, M.D., attendance, prior to April 1	2 00	
H. L. Willard, Jr., moving furniture . .	10 00	
Elmer E. Bates, milk .	3 06	
		$327 43

Henry L. Bates, wife and one child.

Paid J. A. Whidden, Treasurer, house rent . .	$54 00	
Marietta W. Dyer, house rent	12 00	
		$66 00

Stephen Wigmore and family.

Paid H. E. Fernald, M.D., attendance, prior to April 1	$25 50	
Warren F. Snow, undertaker (1900 bill) . .	15 00	
		$40 50

Mrs. John J. Ainslie and daughter.

Paid Antoine J. Sylvia, agent, house rent . . .	$96 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal and wood . . .	43 25	
H. E. Fernald, M.D., attendance, prior to April 1	10 50	
Frank W. Browne, medicines	1 20	
Philander Bates, boots and rubbers . . .	$7 50	
		$158 45

William H. Litchfield and four children.

Paid Emeline A. Jacobs, house rent	$60 00	
Stoddard & Damon, groceries	65 00	
Stoddard & Barnes, groceries	17 25	
Oscar L. Johnson, groceries	14 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	27 28	
Philander Bates, boots .	4 00	
Cohasset Clothing Co., .	5 50	
Joseph Chase, M.D., attendance . . .	28 00	
King & Pack, undertakers	13 00	
		$234 03

Mary A. Sylvia.

Paid Mary Almond . .	$20 00	
C. B. Bridgham, M.D., attendance, prior to April 1	7 00	

Paid H. E. Fernald, M.D., attendance, prior to April 1	$34 50	
F. W. Browne, medicines	1 15	
Warren F. Snow, undertaker	30 00	
		$92 65

James L. Battles.

Paid Commonwealth, balance due for board . .		$12 80

Caroline Sylvia.

Paid C. B. Bridgham, M.D., attendance, prior to April 1 . . .	$8 50	
Arthur J. Shaw, M.D., attendance, prior to April 1 . . .	5 00	
		$13 50

Edith Taylor and two children.

Paid C. B. Bridgham, M. D., attendance, prior to April 1 . . .		$7 50

Mrs. Michael Coyne and five children.

Paid Gross & Nichols, groceries	$261 87	
Joseph St. John, groceries	17 80	
Philander Bates, boots .	16 83	
Cohasset Clothing Co. .	6 75	
Edgar J. Pratt, stove .	7 00	
		$310 25

Antoine Gonsalves, wife and three children.

Paid H. E. Fernald, M. D., attendance prior to April 1	$21 00	

Paid Frank W. Browne, medicines	$3 55	
Geo. F. Hayden, boots .	4 20	
		$28 75

Nathaniel R. Prouty.

Paid town of Tisbury . .		$2 35

Mary De Mello and son.

Paid H. E. Fernald, M.D., attendance prior to April 1	$8 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal and groceries . .	11 01	
		$19 01

Mrs. William Dean and four children.

Paid cash		$30 00

Lorenzo Beal.

Paid Herbert O. Beale, groceries . . .		$75 00

Bridget Donovan.

Paid City of Boston . .		$30 91

Mrs. Patrick Lyons.

Paid Lincoln Bros., coal . .		$24 65

William Dean.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital		$169 46

Lawrence E. Willard.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital		$169 46

Julia A. Glynn.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital		$168 92

Julia Macomber.

Paid Worcester Insane Asylum		$169 48

Elizabeth J. Dady.

Paid Worcester Insane Asylum		$169 45

Rose A. Burgess.	
Paid Medfield Insane Asylum .	$146 00
Paid Philander Bates, Overseer of the Poor, services and expenses outside . .	52 90
Newcomb B. Tower, Overseer of the Poor, services and expenses outside .	35 00
Herbert A. Tilden, Overseer of the Poor, services and expenses outside .	15 00
Charles B. Bridgham, M.D., town physician, salary April 1 to Dec. 31	187 50
	$5,666 96

Of the above persons who have been fully or partially supported outside the almshouse during the year 1901, the following have been inmates of State institutions, viz:—William Dean at Taunton Lunatic Hospital; Lawrence E. Willard at Taunton Lunatic Hospital; Julia A. Glynn at Taunton Lunatic Hospital; Elizabeth J. Dady at Worcester Lunatic Hospital; Julia Macomber at Worcester Lunatic Hospital; Rose A. Burgess at Medfield Insane Asylum.

Outside Assistance—Credit.

Amount due from City of Boston	$153 89	
Town of Scituate . .	96 00	
Town of Hingham . .	40 50	
City of Cambridge .	90 23	
Charles H. Willard	169 46	
Julia A. Glynn .	196 22	
		$746 30

Outside debit, brought forward	$5,666 96	
Outside credit, brought forward	746 30	
Poor account, outside net debit	————	$4,920 66

Summary—Overseers of the Poor Account.

Almshouse balance . . .	$1,928 21	
Outside balance . . .	4,920 66	
Net cost for support and relief of poor . .	————	$6,848 87

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
HERBERT A. TILDEN,
Overseers of the Poor.

Cohasset, December 31, 1901.

RECAPITULATION—1901.

ITEMS.	Orders Drawn.	Credits.	Net Expenditures.	Appropriations.	With No Appropriations.	Excess of Appropriations.	Less Than Appropriation
Soldiers' and Sailors' relief	$ 579 92		$ 579 92	$ 800 00			$ 220 08
State aid	574 00	$538 50	35 50		$ 35 50		
Military aid	384 00	186 00	198 00	150 00		$ 48 00	
Support of schools, day and evening	15,824 70		15,824 70	15,824 70			
Water for hydrants	2,575 00		2,575 00	2,450 00		125 00	
Street lights	5,207 50		5,207 50	5,160 00		47 50	
Tree warden	293 40		293 40	300 00			6 60
Memorial day	100 00		100 00	100 00			
Removing snow	561 69		561 69	500 00		61 69	
Drinking fountains	536 93		536 93	200 00		336 93	
Town common	160 60		160 60	150 00		10 60	
Street sprinkling	2,169 62	551 00	1,618 62	1,400 00		218 62	
Straits Pond	120 50		120 50	200 00			79 50
Cattle inspection	100 00		100 00	100 00			
Board of Health	255 05		255 05	200 00		55 05	
Fire department	1,046 20		1,046 20	1,200 00			153 80
Town hall	1,382 78	500 00	882 78	700 00		182 78	
Printing	295 03		295 03	300 00			4 97
State road—Third section	1,208 76	996 70	212 06		212 06		
Highways and sidewalks	9,554 13		9,554 13	9,000 00		554 13	
Recreation fields	3,500 00		3,500 00	4,000 00			500 00
Ball fields	162 50		162 50	70 00		92 50	
Night police	2,338 00		2,338 00	1,900 00		438 00	

Special police	199 75		199 75		199 75		
Legal counsel	232 51		232 51		232 51		
Public libraries	1,100 00		1,100 00	1,100 00			
State and County taxes	7,569 09		7,569 09	7,569 09			
Abatement of taxes	442 59		442 59		442 59		
Town officers	2,472 44		2,472 44	2,200 00		272 14	
Miscellaneous	1,161 96		1,161 96	1,000 00		161 96	
Support and relief of poor	8,515 18	1,666 31	6,848 87	7,000 00			151 13
Totals	$70,623 83	$4,438 51	$66,185 32	$63,573 79	$ 1,122 41	$2,605 20	$1,116 08

PHILANDER BATES,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
HERBERT A. TILDEN.
Selectmen of Cohasset.

Cohasset, Dec. 31, 1901.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Board of Selectmen:—

GENTLEMEN:—The work of caring for the highways and sidewalks of a town requires constant attention, as defects are liable to appear at any time, especially after heavy rains. In this work I have been greatly aided by those citizens who, on discovering any defect, either remedy it at once or notify the Superintendent. Forest avenue has received particular attention, a portion of it having been practically rebuilt with unbroken stone, in the deepest fills rolled, and then covered with broken stone and gravel binder. This work should be continued, as originally built very little gravel was used in construction. Beach street has been widened at two places by blasting, and at Mohawk valley the road bed was raised, thus lowering the grade of the hills. Atlantic avenue was graded with bank and broken stone from entrance to the Lothrop estate to hill near the Charles Fox cottage. This is a work that should be continued to the White Head road. South Main street from Depot corner south and a portion of Elm street was graded with broken stone, and no further trouble will be experienced in crossing by persons who walk to the station. All roads have had needful repairs, although the policy has been continued of putting the largest part of the appropriation into permanent improvements. Sidewalks have received attention, but after such heavy rains as we have had the last season, washing off the fine material, they must necessarily become a little stony. I know of no way to avoid this except by putting in con-

crete walks. Fearing the road at Pleasant Beach would suffer if a storm should come on a high course of tides, the stone capping was extended about 125 feet to the recreation building of Mathew Luce, with the result that the storm and high tides in December did not wash over the wall, as it certainly would have done to the injury of the road bed. The walls built after the storm of 1898 stood the test well, and saved the shore roads from being again washed away. For the coming year I would call attention of the need of lowering the grade of the hill near where the Paul Pratt Memorial Library is to be erected, and also the hill near residence of Samuel S. Spaulding on Jerusalem Road. I would recommend the sum of $9,000 as the appropriation for highways and sidewalks the coming year. The steam roller has been used 53 days on town and state roads and on private work, with your permission, 24 days. The amount received for this service is credited in highway account, $240 of the amount to credit of roller. I wish to call the attention of the citizens to the habit some people have of throwing waste papers about the streets, which, when the wind blows, is apt to frighten horses and makes the streets look untidy. I wish this might be discontinued, and that citizens would gather up the loose papers opposite their residences.

The following are the amounts received and payments made for the year ending Dec. 31, 1901 :—

Received of Town Treasurer . . .	$9,554 13
Received for good roads	150 00
Received of M. J. O'Hearn, steam roller .	279 50
" " A. C. Burrage, men and steam roller	49 48
" " Susan P. S. Clapp, stone . .	6 50
" " Light house dep't. battery . .	2 00
" " D. N. Tower, stone . . .	75
	$10,042.36

Paid Philander Bates balance due 1900 . . .	$300 00
Ann B. Lothrop, gravel .	18 46
William Mulvey, team .	138 55
Manuel S. Leonard, team	78 53
William O. Souther, team	22 50
Cyrus W. Bates, team .	21 13
Stephen Reilly, labor .	81 00
Daniel F. O'Brien, labor .	4 00
Oliver H. Bates, team .	125 47
Manuel R. Silva, labor .	131 88
John Hughes, gravel .	14 25
George A. Henry, labor, 1901	3 50
P. Herbert Brown, labor, roller	2 00
William W. Bates, stone, gravel and team . .	576 80
Arthur Mulvey, stone and gravel	2,393 50
George Jason, team . .	75 00
Louis T. Cushing, team .	101 25
Joseph Frates, labor .	72 00
Joseph Jason, team . .	175 00
Isaac L. Morey, labor .	75 00
George Groce, team .	201 50
Manuel L. Botailyo, labor	44 00
John W. Bates, team .	31 00
Walter P. Bates, labor .	13 00
George W. Mealy, team .	125 00
Harry F. Tilden, team .	12 25
Levi E. Tower, labor .	24 00
Charles Joseph, labor .	40 67
Andrew H. Prouty, labor	53 00
N.Y.N.H.&H.R.R. freight	38 65

Paid Bertrand F. Morse, labor	$30	25
Sydney L. Beal, labor .	24	00
Daniel F. O'Brien, labor .	38	25
Russell B. Murray, team .	172	50
Orlando Curtis, labor .	50	50
William Lee, labor . .	70	00
Benj. F. Morse, labor and team	242	25
Frank W. Wheelwright, team	100	00
Estate of Allen C. Bates, tools, etc. . . .	15	39
Manuel P. Valine, labor .	122	00
Manuel R. Silva, labor .	211	00
Frank M. Nichols, smithing	18	75
Thomas Mulcahey, labor .	21	50
Francis Kennedy, labor .	7	00
Manuel S. Leonard, labor and team . . .	227	98
Estate Alden Beal, team .	121	00
Charles E. Tyrer, labor .	122	50
Fred G. James, labor .	161	00
Edward Kendall & Son, repair roller . . .	3	75
Frank A. Pearson, team .	1	75
H. L. Willard, Jr., team	6	45
Harry W. Burbank, labor	93	50
William Mulvey, team .	91	00
Thomas Reedy, team .	88	75
Charles Wilson, stone .	181	60
Geo. H. Sampson, repair battery . . .	1	50
Manuel Oliver, labor .		50
Charles E. Nott, team .	87	50

Paid Thomas Silva, labor .	$66 00
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	61 79
Tower Bros. & Co., drain pipe, etc. . . .	167 67
Stephen Reilly, labor .	165 00
Cyrus R. Keene, labor .	5 00
Cyrus W. Bates, team .	67 50
Arthur Studley, labor .	10 00
Waldo C. Locke, team .	70 62
Thomas Loney, team .	7 50
John Jason, labor . .	6 00
Charles A. Claflin & Co., sundries . . .	16 30
Charles H. Quinn, team .	50 00
Turkey Meadow Farm, labor, etc. . . .	58 27
Gross & Nichols, rendrock, etc.	30 11
C. W. Gammons, trustee, team and gravel . .	292 31
Michael N. Donahue, smithing . . .	10 10
Alban D. Gillis, smithing	4 00
Paul J. Armes, labor .	1 75
Antoine E. Salvedor, labor	81 20
Alson S. Richardson, labor	130 94
Lorenzo Beal, labor . .	72 00
Joseph F. Priest, labor .	104 50
Edward W. Merritt, labor .	54 50
Oren A. Beal, labor . .	2 00
Frank Stoddard, labor and team	70 10
Ira N. Pratt, labor and team	28 50
Elmer E. Bates, team .	15 00

Paid Samuel V. Hardwick, labor	$84 70	
Elijah F. Lincoln, labor .	4 00	
Aaron Pratt, gravel . .	7 10	
Edwin W. Bates, team .	88 00	
Edwin Bates, labor . .	57 25	
Thomas W. Whitcomb, labor	14 00	
Samuel E. Pratt, team .	5 00	
Oliver H. Bates, team .	20 50	
Ellery C. Bates, labor .	7 50	
Fred G. Fuller, labor .	11 00	
John J. A. Pratt, labor .	4 17	
Horace J. Damon, labor and team . . .	45 30	
A. B. Litchfield, labor .	2 00	
David R. Damon, labor .	28 80	
Joseph W. Whitcomb .	25 76	
Ira B. Pratt . . .	1 00	
Philander Bates . .	683 16	
		$10,042 36

STATE ROAD.

Paid Patrick Downs, labor .	$11 50	
Oren A. Beal, labor . .	8 00	
Lorenzo Beal, labor .	12 00	
Charles Joseph, labor .	25 50	
Harry W. Burbank, labor	32 00	
Charles E. Tyrer, labor .	54 00	
William O'Keefe, labor .	41 50	
William Lee, labor . .	40 00	
Fred G. James, labor .	54 50	
Stephen Reilly, labor .	45 00	
Antoine E. Salvedor, cement	3 25	
Arthur Mulvey, stone .	97 10	

Paid C. W. Gammons, trustee, gravel	$92 00	
John Beale, stone . .	280 00	
Harry F. Tilden, team .	45 25	
Frank W. Wheelwright, team	51 75	
Frank M. Nichols, smithing	2 55	
Manuel S. Leonard, team	17 50	
William Mulvey, team .	50 63	
Benj. F. Morse, team and labor	76 75	
Thomas Reedy, team and labor	10 50	
Oliver H. Bates, team .	55 13	
George Jason, team .	65 25	
Charles E. Nott, team .	23 65	
William W. Bates, team .	13 50	
		$1,208 81

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Fred G. James, labor .	$3 75	
Stephen Reilly, labor .	50	
Elisha Lincoln, labor .	50	
William H. Bates, labor .	2 75	
Burleigh Bates, labor .	2 75	
Samuel C. James, labor .	2 38	
William H. Bates, Jr., labor	2 50	
Samuel L. Williams, labor	2 75	
Elmer Williams, labor .	2 75	
Arthur S. Bates, labor .	3 25	
Harry W. Burbank, labor	1 50	
William Mulvey, labor .	2 75	
Samuel H. Nichols, labor .	3 00	
Harry Donovan, labor .	2 63	

Paid Richard Hare, labor .	$	75
William O. Souther, labor	31	00
Estate Alden Beal, team and men . . .	32	50
Tilden Carriage Co., plow	24	00
Harry F. Tilden, team and men	79	00
John H. Cook, labor .	21	50
Edwin W. Bates, labor .	1	62
Rufus A. Bates, labor .	1	00
Edmund M. Cronican, labor	4	25
William W. Studley, labor	1	75
Alson S. Richardson, labor		50
Joseph F. Priest, labor .		37
Frank Lean, labor . .		63
James Lean, labor . .	1	13
Horace J. Damon, labor .	3	75
David R. Damon, labor .	1	25
David L. Sterling, labor .	1	25
Patrick O'Keefe, labor .	2	00
Ansel F. Thayer, labor .	5	50
Joseph Leonard, labor .	2	00
Daniel Donovan, labor .	4	25
William Lee, labor . .	8	00
John W. Mulcahey, labor	3	00
Daniel F. O'Brien, labor .	6	25
Daniel Desmond, labor .	2	50
Thomas McKensie, labor .	4	00
Manuel S. Leonard, Jr., labor	2	00
Royal Bates, labor . .		75
Almshouse, team and men	20	00
Charles Gale, labor . .	5	50
William White, labor .	1	25
Nathaniel R. Prouty, labor	1	25

Paid Harry White, labor .	$1 25
Timothy S. Gale, labor .	3 00
Levi L. Worrick, labor .	1 50
Thomas L. Bates, team and men . . .	43 25
John F. Sullivan, labor .	4 00
William O'Keefe, labor .	1 00
Harry Henry, labor . .	1 00
Benj. F. Morse, labor .	2 75
Frank Beiler, labor . .	4 00
John F. Murphy, labor .	4 00
Levi E. Tower, labor .	4 75
William St. John, labor .	4 00
John T. Keating, labor .	4 25
Joseph Jason, team and men	64 62
William McNamara, labor	5 75
Richard Caddan, labor .	5 75
Frank McMahon, labor .	1 00
George Denithorm, labor	1 25
John J. Grassie, labor .	3 50
John Hughes, labor . .	4 75
John Gillis, labor . .	4 00
George Jason, labor . .	6 13
Albert Grassie, labor .	1 00
Albert Morris, labor .	1 25
Charles E. Jason, labor .	5 75
George Silva, labor . .	3 50
Andrew H. Prouty, labor .	4 00
Samuel E. Pratt, team and men	18 01
Elmer E. Bates, team and men	9 00
S. Chester Pratt, labor .	1 87
A. B. Litchfield, labor .	2 00

Paid Mathew Markwick, labor	$ 75	
William Smith, labor .	2 00	
George Ainslaie, labor .	2 25	
Harry Reed, labor . .	45	
John W. Frates, labor .	62	
Fred Fuller, labor . .	2 75	
Antoine Vargus, Jr., labor	87	
Fred Almeida, labor .	62	
Spencer H. Stoughton, labor	75	
Manuel Almeida, labor .	62	
Thomas W. Whitcomb, labor	2 00	
Lewis L. Wheelwright, labor	1 75	
John W. Bates, labor .	3 00	
Isaac L. Morey, labor .	1 00	
Abraham J. Antoine, labor	3 50	
E. Russell Bates, labor .	1 00	
Thomas A. Stevens, labor	1 12	
Frank Stoddard, labor .	3 00	
Walter P. Bates, labor .	3 50	
		$561 69

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES, *Supt.*

REPORT OF

THE TOWN TREASURER,

TOGETHER WITH

The Reports of the Librarian and Treasurer of the Free Public Library and Auditor.

Report of the Tree Warden and Report of the Board of Engineers.

Dr. TOWN OF COHASSET, in Account

1901—1902.

To paid Selectmen's orders for 1901 . . .	$45,859 07
Sailors and Soldiers Relief and Town aid .	384 00
State and Military aid	574 00
School appropriation for 1901 . . .	14,500 00
" " for Evening School .	1,000 00
" " other customary items	324 70
Assessors orders for Abatement of taxes .	442 59
State of Massachusetts tax, 1901 . .	3,395 00
County of Norfolk tax, 1901 . . .	4,144 47
State Treasurer, one-fourth of sixth class license	25
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, note due 1901	3,400 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, Osgood school house, note due 1901	3,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, demand note, 1896	2,500 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, account bridge note 1897	1,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money 1901 in full	18,000 00
Atlas National Bank, hired money 1901 in full	5,000 00
Hingham National Bank, hired money 1901 in full	5,000 00
Interest on Town notes, 1901 . . .	3,016 92
	$111,541 00
Balance in treasury carried forward to new acct. .	11,759 03
	$123,300 03

In addition to the balance as above stated there remains in the treasury the $2,000 St. Stephen's Parish money, as per Town Report for 1899, pp. 78-79, and 1900, p. 92.

Cohasset, January, 1902.

With ABRAHAM H. TOWER, Treasurer. Cr.

1901—1902.

By balance in Treasury from previous account	$11,865 54
Corporation tax, 1900, additional	1,620 17
National Bank tax, 1900 "	231 70
Corporation tax, 1901	12,030 15
National Bank tax, 1901	1,883 59
State and Military aid, 1901	717 00
State Highway Loan Fund	996 70
Norfolk County dog license money, 1900	284 30
City of Boston, account 1900	174 47
City of Cambridge, account 1900	67 60
Town of Hingham, " 1900	157 35
Town of Hull, " 1900	38 16
Wm. T. Tilden, janitor, income Town Hall	350 00
James S. Beal, auctioneer's license, 1901	2 00
Thos. W. Whitcomb, slaughter license, 1901	1 00
Frank W. Brown, 6th class liquor license, 1901	1 00
East Norfolk District Court, fines, fees, etc.	7 23
From sale of old furniture at Town Hall shed	15 65
Interest on bank deposits	104 74
Interest on collection of delinquent taxes	189 99
Interest of Ripley fund, 1901	40 40
A. H. Tower, Trustee, for board of J. J. Lothrop at Alms House	135 81
William F. Harris, for board at Alms House	52 00
Geo. W. Tinkham, Alms House sales and work	341 52
Sundry persons, Alms House produce	137 02
Tree Warden, for material	3 25
Cohasset Free Public Library, fuel, lights, etc.	150 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money, 1900	18,000 00
Atlas National Bank, " " "	5,000 00
Hingham National Bank, " " "	5,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, new loan on account baseball grounds, etc.	4,000 00
Amount of contributions for sprinkling streets	560 00
Assessors' tax list for 1901	59,141 69
	$123,300 03

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The library has been open every library day with the exception of four legal holidays. There have been added to the library during the year 323 volumes, of which 29 have been by gift, 256 by purchase, and 38 by the binding of periodicals. The number of books now in the library, including government reports and pamphlets, is 7,162.

The number of books and magazines issued was 8,413.

The largest number of volumes given out on one day was 123, on September 21, and the smallest number was 8, on December 3. Gifts of books and pamphlets have been received from the Hon. Joseph Choate, Rev. Milo H. Gates, T. W. Balch, Frederic K. Pierce, Warner & Swasey, Mrs. William H. Haile, Northampton Public Library, Boston Port and Seaman's Aid Society, Cornell University, the W. C. T. Union, the Bussey Institution, State and Government. For the reading room periodicals have been received from the Cohasset W. C. T. U., The Woman's Journal, Boston; the L. A. W. Bulletin, the Montana Herald, and Thomas Lothrop Chapter, Cohasset.

Classification of reading by subjects :—

History and Biography	280
Travels and Geography	78
Literature and Poetry	62
Science and Art	44
Agriculture and Natural History	52
Religion and Philosophy	27
Magazines	1,001
Fiction	6,869
	8,413

SARAH B. COLLIER, *Librarian.*

January, 1902.

Dr. COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY in account with A. H. TOWER, Treasurer. Cr.

1901—1902.		1901—1902.	
To paid renewals of insurance on $3,500 for 3 years	$ 70 00	By balance bro't from 1900 account	$26 79
Sundry bills for books	205 96	Contingent amount from 1900 account.	150 00
Sundry scientific books by Marion Cheever fund	23 90	Ladies' Charitable Society, rent of room	10 00
Magazines, periodicals, etc.	59 45	Marion Cheever fund, from Savings Bank	30 00
Binding of books, etc.	40 35	Librarian's receipts, for fines, etc.	20 76
History of Marshfield	1 50	Town appropriation, 1901	1,000 00
Ship building on North River, Scituate	5 00	A bequest of $500 was received from the estate of the late Alexander Williams of Boston and deposited in Cohasset Savings Bank.	
Stoddard lectures, illustrated	28 80		
Stock and labor on book cases and shelves	48 99		
W. W. Gordak, for signs	18 72		
Estate A. C. Bates, varnish and stains	3 09		$1,237 55
Library Bureau, cards, etc.	9 65		
Town, for lighting, fuel, etc.	150 00		
Sarah B. Collier, librarian's salary	350 00		
Payments by librarian	14 56		
Reserved for acct. new catalogues	150 00		
Balance carried forward	57 58		
	$1,237 55		

COHASSET, January, 1902. A. H. TOWER, *Treasurer.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Superintendent of Streets, School Committee, and Fire Engineers for the year 1901, with the result as given below, viz :—

From Town Treasurer's receipts, 1901—

Balance in Treasury from 1900	$11,865 54	
Receipts as per Treasurer's books	20,292 80	
Hired money in anticipation of taxes	28,000 00	
Hired money on purchase of base ball grounds . .	4,000 00	
Amount of tax list, 1901 . .	59,141 69	
		$123,300 03

PAYMENTS.

Amount of Selectmen and Assessors' orders, including state and county taxes, and school appropriation . . .	$70,623 83	
Cohasset Savings Bank—demand note, 1896 . .	2,500 00	
Town's note due in 1901 . .	7,400 00	
Hired money for 1901, in full .	28,000 00	
Interest on all town's notes and hired money, 1901 . .	3,016 92	
State of Massachusetts, one-fourth of license fees .	25	
Balance in treasury . . .	11,759 03	
		$123,300 03

WENTWORTH J. EARLE, *Auditor.*

COHASSET, February 3, 1902.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN.

For Year Ending December 31, 1901.

During the past year I have done a large amount of trimming, pruning, and removing of dead trees. I have planted between forty and fifty new trees, and placed wire guards around many of the trees, both young and old, to protect them.

A few implements were purchased, among which was a thirty-eight foot extension ladder. I have also had printed warning articles and posted throughout the town. I would respectfully recommend and ask that the sum of three hundred dollars be raised and appropriated by the town at its annual meeting next March.

The following is a list of amounts paid as per bills rendered:

Paid Cyrus R. Keene . .	$47 00
H. L. Willard, Jr. . .	39 30
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	13 25
Andrew H. Prouty . .	10 00
Tilden Carriage Co. . .	2 50
William J. Brennock .	3 00
C. W. H. Moulton & Co. .	11 40
Joseph A. Antoine . .	4 00
Charles E. Nott . .	75
Souther Bros. . . .	5 90
Thomas F. McMahon .	12 00
Thomas Reedy . .	8 00
Arthur Merritt . .	1 25
Luther J. Bates . .	1 00

Henry L. McMahon, salary 1900–1901 . .	$100 00	
Frank Stoddard, salary .	25 00	
H. L. McMahon . .	9 05	
	$293 40	
Balance unexpended, 1900		$10 75
Appropriation, 1901		300 00
		$310 75
Amount of orders, 1901		293 40
Amount unexpended		$17 35

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY L. McMAHON, *Tree Warden.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

To the Selectmen:—

GENTLEMEN:—The gentlemen appointed by your honorable board to constitute the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department for the year ending April 30, 1902, met, in accordance with your instructions, at the house of Hose Co. No. 1, on the evening of May 2, 1901, and organized with the choice of the following officers: Chief, Harry E. Mapes; Assistant Chief, Henry E. Brennock; Clerk, Thomas A. Rich; District Engineers, Stephen R. Nichols, Alson S. Richardson, A. Bradford Litchfield; Assistant District Engineers, Geo. Jason, Geo. W. Groce, Elmer E. Bates.

The past year has been below the average in the number of fires, the department having been called but five times on bell alarms.

The apparatus of the department is in good serviceable condition, and the houses need little repair except painting on the outside.

It is the opinion of the board that better facilities, both in house and apparatus, should be given the North Cohasset and Jerusalem road district, and recommend that the town take some action toward furnishing some at the next annual town meeting.

The board also recommends that additional hydrants be placed--one on Atlantic avenue, opposite "Treat's Pond," one near the southerly end of "Cunningham's Bridge," so called, also a hydrant or hose connection on Beach Island,

near the junction of Jerusalem road and driveway to residence of Nicholas Sheldon, one near "The Pope Memorial Church," on Jerusalem road, one opposite the "Konohasset House," and one near driveway to residence of Benjamin D. Hyde.

For the maintenance and operation of the department for the ensuing year, we respectfully recommend and ask that the sum of twelve hundred ($1200.00) dollars be raised and appropriated by the town at its annual meeting in March next.

[Signed.]

H. E. MAPES,
H. E. BRENNOCK,
A. B. LITCHFIELD,
E. E. BATES,
G. W. GROCE,
A. S. RICHARDSON,
S. R. NICHOLS,
GEO. JASON,
T. A. RICH,
Board of Engineers.

RECORD OF FIRES.

February 15. E. F. Ripley's residence, Ripley road. No alarm.

February 27. C. W. Gammons' residence, Highland avenue.

April 19. J. H. Nichols' residence, Beach street. No alarm.

July 4. Needless alarm. Highland avenue.

July 22. H. A. Tilden, building, Margin street.

July 23. Needless alarm. Stockbridge street.

August 14. P. Bates. Store on Elm street.

H. E. Mapes, Chief.

T. A. Rich, Clerk.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Engine No. 1.

H. F. Tilden, horses to fires, and carting . .	$18 00	
F. C. Blossom, services as steward . . .	30 00	
F. C. Blossom, painting interior of building, setting glass and stock . .	47 09	
Lincoln Bros., wood and coal	19 24	
H. B. Bates, clerk, services of company to fires	15 00	
W. H. McGaw, repairs .	2 15	
J. E. Frates, repairs .	3 50	
Tower Bros. and Co., supplies	4 60	
Estate A. C. Bates, supplies	19 59	
Gross & Nichols, supplies	75	
A. H. Tower, Treasurer, 9 poll taxes . . .	18 00	
		$177 92

Hose No. 1.

C. Callahan Co., pipe .	$13 50	
A. J. Morris, services as steward . . .	40 00	
Cohasset livery and sale stable, horses to fires .	23 00	
Ray M. Souther, clerk, services of company to fires	15 00	
Wm. J. Brennock, stock and painting building .	26 35	

J. Pink & Co., repairing pipe	$4 00	
D. H. Wood, letters for sign	90	
A. J. Morris, labor . .	1 00	
F. W. Brown, chemicals, etc.	7 56	
Cousens & Pratt, flag .	5 60	
Tower Bros. & Co., supplies	44 57	
Gross & Nichols, supplies	5 82	
Estate A. C. Bates, supplies	28 48	
Tilden Carriage Co., repairs to wagon . .	1 50	
Tilden Carriage Co., springs and platform for wagon	90 00	
A. H. Tower, 14 poll taxes	28 00	
		$335 28

LADDER NO. 1.

Joseph Jason, horses to fires	$18 00	
W. J. Brennock, repairs to building . . .	29 85	
Lincoln Bros., wood and coal	6 26	
Geo. Antoine, services as steward . . .	20 00	
H. E. Brennock, repairs to truck	7 00	
J. A. Valine, services of company to fires . .	15 00	
Geo. Jason, horses to fires	14 00	
D. H. Wood, letters for sign	90	

Cousens & Pratt, flag .	$5 60	
J. E. Grassie, supplies .	1 55	
Tower Bros. & Co., supplies	36 30	
Estate A. C. Bates, supplies	2 85	
Gross & Nichols, supplies	3 69	
Tilden Carriage Co., repairs	4 80	
A. H. Tower, Treasurer, 12 poll taxes . .	24 00	
		$189 80

LADDER NO. 2.

H. E. Brennock, repairs .	$6 50	
E. F. Lincoln, services of company to fires . .	5 00	
Bates & Lincoln, wood .	4 50	
J. W. Whitcomb, services as steward . . .	20 00	
A. J. Antoine, services as steward . . .	20 00	
Est. A. C. Bates, supplies	17 14	
Tilden Carriage Co., repairs	4 00	
A. W. Tower, Treasurer, ten poll taxes . .	20 00	
		$97 14

HOSE NO. 3.

Geo. W. Groce, services .	$6 25	
A. S. Richardson, services	2 00	
Geo. W. Beal, services .	2 00	
Ira Adams, services . .	2 00	
A. H. Tower, Treasurer, two poll taxes . .	4 00	
		$16 25

Fire Alarm.

C. Callahan Co., zinc and copper	$5 02	
F. W. Brown, copper sulphate	7 80	
		$12 82

Board of Engineers.

Cohasset livery and sale stables, horses to fires, etc.	$19 25	
H. E. Brennock, expense to State Fireman's Association	15 00	
John Jason, expense to State Fireman's Association	15 00	
A. H. Tower, 9 poll taxes	18 00	
		$67 25

Miscellaneous.

Cohasset Supply Co., supplies	$23 27	
I. L. Blossom, watching July 4	2 00	
P. F. Brennock, watching July 4	3 00	
H. F. Tilden, carting men	3 75	
Geo. Jason, carting men .	2 50	
Geo. Jason, pay roll for services of men, Feb. 27	60 50	
C. Callahan Co., badges .	52 92	
		$147 94

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Engine No. 1 . . .	$177 92	
Hose No. 1 . . .	335 28	
Ladder No. 1 . . .	189 80	
Ladder No. 2 . . .	97 14	
Hose No. 3 . . .	16 25	
Fire alarm . . .	12 82	
Engineers . . .	67 25	
Miscellaneous . . .	147 94	
	$1,044 40	
Amount of appropriation .	1,200 00	
Balance unexpended .		$155 60

H. E. MAPES,
Chief.

Attest: T. A. RICH, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FOR THE YEAR 1901.

COHASSET, February 1, 1902.

The School Committee herewith presents to the town the annual report of the Superintendent of Schools, in which are embodied the reports of the special teachers of drawing and singing, as well as the report of the teacher of the evening school.

These reports, showing as they do, what has been done the past year in the schools actually takes the place of the report required by law to be made annually by the School Committee to the community which has committed to it the care of the schools.

While the citizens of the town are referred to the reports before mentioned for information as to work performed and results accomplished during the year, it should not be imagined that the committee have failed in their duty of overseeing the conduct of the schools and of caring for the welfare of the school children.

In this age of commercialism we are prone to estimate the benefit derived from any thing from a financial standpoint, and while we recognize that the value of a good educatio cannot be calculated wholly in dollars and cents, we should, nevertheless, be willing that the schools of Cohasset and their value to the town should be measured by the financial standard.

The object of the Massachusetts school has always been to equip its scholars whom it sends out into the world with an

education sufficient to enable them to earn their living. But the quantity and quality of the education furnished has constantly changed from generation to generation with the changing requirements of the business and social world. The community which fails to keep pace with these requirements in the conduct and support of its schools interposes a barrier to the financial and social progress of the town.

These remarks are made not because the town has failed in its support of the schools, for we remember no instance where it has refused to vote the annual appropriation asked by the committee, but to emphasize the fact that owing to the liberal appropriations voted the schools of Cohasset are ahead of the average of schools of towns of its size in the State.

Four families from our summer residents have made Cohasset their home this winter, and they have done so because they felt that their children's education would not suffer by the change. Is it not worth while to keep the standard of our schools so high that they shall induce families to make Cohasset their permanent home and thus add to the prosperity of the town.

A good common school education should be given all our children, but a high school education, which in the past has been regarded by many as superfluous, is looked upon more and more as a necessity to enable one to become a bread winner.

The legislators in framing the laws of Massachusetts years ago recognized this fact by including among the studies to be taught in the High School surveying and navigation. The changed conditions of life along our coast and in the inland towns of our State have done away with the need of these studies, but the same reason which placed them in the old High School course has been instrumental in placing stenography, typewriting, and manual training in the course of studies of many high schools today.

The necessity, then, is apparent for this town to keep its schools abreast of the times if it would hold the population it now has and add thereto; if it would train in its schools future citizens of the town whose lives will be a credit to it, and this can only be accomplished by employing the best teachers, and giving them and their pupils the best material in the shape of buildings, books and apparatus with which to work. It is hardly necessary to add that this can be done in the future only as it has been done in the past, by liberal appropriations and cordial support on the part of the townspeople.

The committee wish to call your attention to the large number of graduates from the High School the past year who were fitted to enter higher institutions of learning.

At the last annual meeting of the town the School Committee was instructed to hold an evening school during the winter months of this year. This has been done, but not with results entirely satisfactory to the committee. Those who asked for the school have not availed themselves of its privileges to any great extent, and the school has only been kept in respectable numbers by the addition of a number of scholars from the grammar grades in the day school who have availed themselves of this opportunity to pursue the study of book-keeping. Were Cohasset a factory town containing a large population, the members of which have never had the advantages of our schools, there might be a necessity for an evening school, but under present conditions we do not believe that necessity exists.

We estimate that the town will require to appropriate for the support of schools the coming year:

For salaries of Superintendent, Teachers and Janitors	$10,700 00
Conveying	22,000 00
Fuel	950 00
Repairs	700 00

Books and Supplies	$600 00
Miscellaneous	250 00
	$15,400 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. COLLIER, *Chairman.*
C. LOTHROP, *Secretary.*
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
AMOS A. LAWRENCE,
H. E. MAPES,
JASON M. ENNICE.

TOWN OF COHASSET in account with THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1901. Paid

Superintendent of Schools,		
Nelson G. Howard		$700 00

TEACHERS.

Osgood School:		
High, Mr. C. F. Jacobs, Principal . . .	$1,700 00	
High, Miss Grace Gatchell, Assistant . . .	600 00	
High, Mr. Arthur N. Small, Assistant . . .	375 00	
High, Mr. Alpheus W. Rich, Assistant . . .	225 00	
8th grade, Miss Martha P. Bates	490 00	
8th grade, Miss Frances R. Foster	10 00	
7th grade, Miss Lila O. Buck	72 00	
7th grade, Miss Charlotte A. Tower . . .	408 00	
6th grade, Miss Annie D. Dunham . . .	480 00	
5th grade, Miss Annie A. Souther . . .	480 00	
4th grade, Miss Mary E. Clapp	397 80	
4th grade, Miss Frances R. Foster	4 20	
3d grade, Miss Mary E. Clapp	73 80	

3d grade, Miss Frances R. Foster	$ 4 20	
3d grade, Miss M. Jennie Mason	324 00	
2d grade, Miss Priscilla L. Collier . . .	480 00	
1st grade, Miss Sarah E. Fox	471 60	
1st grade, Miss Harriet B. Clark	9 60	
General assistant, Miss Myra L. Beal . .	380 00	
North School:		
Miss Mary W. Cobb .	40 80	
Miss M. Jennie Mason .	72 00	
Miss Susannah L. Stoddard	43 20	
Miss Annie Fox . .	324 00	
Beechwood School:		
Miss Emma V. Ingerson .	480 00	
King Street:		
Miss Annie Fox . .	156 00	
Miss Mary W. Cobb .	246 00	
Special Teachers:		
Miss Elizabeth C. Bates, music	300 00	
Miss Sara T. Bailey, drawing . . .	300 00	
		$8,947 20

JANITORS.

Osgood School, Lot W. Bates .	$600 00	
Mrs. Jos. A. Antoine .	125 00	
Thos. W. Doyle . .	45 00	

North School, Thos. E. Keefe .	$13 00	
Miss Annie Fox . .	27 00	
Beechwood School, A. B. Litchfield	50 00	
King Street School, Fred G. James	30 00	
		$890 00

Conveying Pupils.

North Cohasset district, Franklin Beal	$480 00	
Beechwood district, Samuel E. Pratt	834 08	
Parker Avenue, Harry F. Tilden	140 00	
North End district, Harry F. Tilden	200 00	
South End district, Harry F. Tilden	282 67	
Jerusalem Road, Harry F. Tilden	15 45	
		$1,952 20

Repairs and Supplies.

Osgood School:		
Augustus S. Burgess, putting glass in door; taking off windows . .	$ 6 50	
Cohasset Electric Co., lights	14 46	
W. H. H. Hancock, 5 clocks and repairing .	25 00	
Tower, Bros. & Co., lumber, glass and supplies .	60 88	
H. W. Lincoln, setting glass; painting . .	19 94	

Edgar J. Pratt, repairing furnace and damper .	$ 2 50	
Est. Allen C. Bates, supplies	121 51	
Wm. H. McGaw, putting down new seats, repairing roof, putting on windows	67 82	
Walworth Mfg. Co., speaking tube . . .	1 28	
Harry F. Tilden, freight and carting . . .	6 72	
Lemuel Merrill, keys .	3 50	
Chandler Adjust. Chair & Desk Works, desks and chairs	63 89	
Francis M. Ripley, repairing roof, laboratory, etc.	113 63	
Wm. J. Brennock, labor on flag pole . . .	75	
Gross & Nichols, supplies .	9 64	
Warren F. Snow, picture frames . . .	5 00	
Tilden Carriage Co., repairs	1 45	
Wm. T. Tilden, labor on speaking tube . .	1 50	
Est. F. H. Nichols, ribbon	4 60	
Chas. E. Nott, freight and carting . . .	2 08	
Wilbur T. Litchfield, bell and wire . . .	5 69	
		$538 34
North School:		
John Roche, setting glass, taking off and putting on double windows . .	$10 80	

Mary Reilly, cleaning .	$9 00	
W. H. H. Hancock, repairing clocks . . .	75	
Tower, Bros. & Co., glass and putty . . .	99	
Est. Allen C. Bates, supplies	3 63	
Harry White, cleaning funnel	1 00	
Tilden Carriage Co., repairs on lock . . .	30	
Estate F. H. Nichols, turkey red . . .	30	
		$26 77
Beechwood School:		
W. H. H. Hancock, repairing clock . . .	1 50	
A. B. Litchfield, cleaning, varnishing, and carpentering	16 00	
John W. Bates, cleaning vaults	3 50	
Tower Bros. & Co., supplies	2 62	
Estate A. C. Bates . .	10	
		$23 72
King Street School:		
Fred G. James, cleaning, etc.	$8 50	
Tower Bros. & Co., supplies	3 01	
Estate A. C. Bates, supplies	12 76	
		$24 27
		$613 10

FUEL.

Osgood School:		
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	$576 98	
Lincoln Bros. . . .	282 91	
North School:		
Lincoln Bros. . . .	31 81	
Beechwood School:		
Chas. H. Hackett . .	3 25	
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	37 49	
King Street School:		
Lincoln Bros. . . .	6 75	
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	5 09	
		$944 28

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Arthur C. Litchfield, expressing . . .	$3 25	
Thos. Mannix, truant officer	15 00	
C. F. Jacobs, sundries .	8 27	
A. B. Litchfield, truant officer	10 00	
Nelson G. Howard, telephone rent, etc. . .	23 67	
Jordan, Marsh & Co. ribbon	2 47	
Wm. T. Tilden, hall, piano and labor . . .	10 50	
W. W. Wade, tuning piano	5 00	
Wilbur T. Litchfield, zinc and salammoniac . .	2 80	
Assessors, school census .	9 00	
Charlotte S. Tower, writing school census . .	5 00	
Samuel E. Pratt, truant officer	20 00	

N. Y. & Boston Despatch, expressing . . .	$17 20	
Cohasset Livery Stable, team	2 00	
Mary R. Cushing, flowers .	11 10	
C. Lothrop, Treasurer and Secretary . . .	75 00	
Stationery and postage .	2 00	
		$222 26

Books and Stationery.

Paid Kendall Davis Co. . .	$4 25	
Thaxter & Brother . .	7 20	
Silver, Burdett & Co. .	15 05	
Geo. S. Perry & Co. .	6 60	
Zeigler Electric Co. . .	4 60	
D. C. Heath & Co. . .	84	
Samuel Ward Co. . .	33 86	
Fred H. Miller . .	4 00	
Edward E. Babb & Co. .	228 95	
Herbert E. Webster Co. .	2 25	
John A. Webster . .	2 02	
Educational Publishing Co.	84	
Suffolk Ink Co. . .	5 00	
Geo. B. Frazar . .	2 60	
John Wiley & Sons . .	1 31	
American Book Co. . .	44 80	
Houghton, Mifflin Co. .	39 64	
Continental Brush Co. .	9 00	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	26 25	
Ginn & Co. . . .	27 54	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.	17 57	
Boston Bank Note Co. .	46 25	
A. T. Bliss & Co. . .	21 00	
Jessie Holbrook . .	2 75	

Sara T. Bailey . . .	$1 99	
H. W. Kibbe . . .	6 75	
Scott, Foresman & Co. .	7 00	
Geo. F. King & Co. .	46 40	
David Cobb & Son . .	15 90	
Joseph Gillott & Sons .	9 75	
Allyn & Bacon . .	3 34	
Horgan & Robey Co. .	2 70	
		$648 00

RECAPITULATION.

Debit.

Superintendent of schools .	$700 00	
Teachers	8,947 20	
Janitors	890 00	
Repairs, etc.	613 10	
Conveying	1,952 20	
Fuel	944 28	
Miscellaneous	222 26	
Books, stationery, etc. . .	648 00	
Balance unexpended . .	15 47	
		$14,932 51

Credit.

Balance from last year . .	$55 26	
Amount of school appropriation	14,500 00	
Received for tuition . .	40 00	
Received for supplies sold .	12 55	
Amount of dog licenses . .	284 30	
Interest from Ripley school fund	40 40	
		$14,932 51

CALEB LOTHROP, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Gentlemen of the School Committee:

In accordance with your requirement I have the honor of presenting to you my fourth annual report. It contains such information about the work of the schools as seemed most interesting and suggestive, and such recommendations as I deem it necessary to make for their welfare.

Statistics.

Population of Cohasset, U. S. Census 1900	2,759
Number of children in town, September, 1901, between the ages of 5 and 15	402
Number of children in town, September, 1901, between the ages of 7 and 14	262
Number of children in school between the ages of 5 and 15	412
Number of children in school between the ages of 7 and 14	305
Number of children in school over 15 years of age	55
Total enrollment of all the schools	484
Average membership of all the schools	411
Average attendance of all the schools	369
Percentage of daily attendance to average membership	90
Number of tardy marks for the year	536
Number of pupils in the high school	81
High school:	
Senior class	16
Junior class	18
Sophomore class	21
Freshman class	26
Average membership of the Osgood school	353
Average membership of the other schools	58
Number of cases of truancy	9
Number of regular teachers employed	15

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Salary.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Tardy marks.
Osgood High,	C. F. Jacobs, Principal	$1,700	83	78	69	88	139
	A. W. Rich	600					
	Grace Gatchell . . .	600					
Grade VIII .	Martha P. Bates . .	500	39	30	27	90	69
VII . .	Charlotte Tower . .	480	49	44	40	91	38
VI . .	Annie D. Dunham . .	480	34	29	25	92	46
V . .	Annie A. Souther . .	480	53	45	41	91	36
IV . .	Mary E. Clapp . . .	480	27	23	32	91	24
III . .	M. Jennie Mason . .	480	33	26	24	90	26
II . .	Priscilla L. Collier .	480	32	30	27	90	40
I . .	Sarah E. Fox . . .	480	57	48	43	90	49
Matron . . .	Myra L. Beal . . .	380					
Beechwood .	Emma V. Ingerson .	480	32	24	22	90	30
North . . .	Annie Fox	480	34	26	23	89	23
King street .	Mary W. Cobb . . .	400	9	8	7	88	16
Special teacher of music . .	Elizabeth C. Bates .	300					
Special teacher of drawing .	Sara T. Bailey . .	300					

Graduates of High School, 1901.

Bessie Bell Collier, May Leslie Collier, Francis Downes, May Isabelle McMahon, Mary Sybil Roche, Bertha Orilla Souther, George Lyman Davenport, Jr., William Horace Morris, Gilbert Sanders Tower, John Henry Wholley.

Post-Graduates who Received Certificates.

George Jason, Jr., Michael Francis Wholley.

Attendance.

The progress of all school work is dependent upon regular attendance of the pupils. Absence from school means personal loss and hindrance to the advance of others. Regularity of attendance at school is a habit that is well for us as parents to develop in our children. Promptness and attentiveness to duty furnish a guarantee of success in life,

and it is in school that pupils should establish regular habits. School work must be placed before the other activities during the time that school is in session, and every pupil should feel that he has a very important part to perform. Tardiness shows lack of self-respect and leads to carelessness and inattention. Through the co-operation of parents and teachers we are endeavoring to reduce the number of cases of absence and tardiness and to establish habits of promptness and regularity.

There was an increase in the average membership of all the schools for the year and a corresponding increase in the average attendance. The highest average was maintained in Grades IV, V, VI, and VII; the lowest in the High, King Street, and North schools. The number of cases of truancy was very small and shows that the rigid enforcement of the law prevents truancy.

Teachers.

We are fortunate in having a corps of teachers who are well qualified, faithful, and full of zeal for their work. They enter with energy into the labor of directing the activities of the pupils. Individual teaching is carried on in every classroom, and strenuous efforts are made to arouse the dominant interests of each pupil. Our teachers are growing in general culture and professional spirit, and the increasing efficiency of our schools marks the result. Four new teachers have been employed during the year—three of them to take the places of teachers who resigned and one to take charge of the new room now occupied by the Third Grade in the Osgood School. These teachers have readily adapted themselves to the conditions of our schools and are doing excellent service.

PROMOTIONS.

During the past year we have modified several features of our former plan of promotion and grading. Pupils are allowed now to advance as rapidly as their ability and

capacity for work will allow. In the primary grades individual promotions are made whenever the children show ability to do the work of the next grade. Reading and language are made very prominent in all the primary work, but especially so in the first two grades. Pupils who are strong physically can gain a year in the primary school. Formerly Arithmetic was made a stumbling block for primary pupils and promotions depended largely upon ability to comprehend the relations of numbers. The reasoning that Arithmetic demands rightly belongs to a much later period of a child's development. Arithmetic as a formal study has been eliminated from the first two grades, and even in the third grade lack of ability to learn numbers is not allowed to hinder a child's promotion. If our pupils are well taught they will master the mechanical part of reading during the first three years in school; they will learn to write the words that they have met in their reading; they will express their thoughts readily in simple language; and they will be alert and active, ready to enter with enthusiasm upon the work of the grammar grades.

The normal pupil will surely gain the power indicated above in three years, and the strong pupil may gain it in less than three years. It is useless to keep a pupil in a lower grade when he can do the work of a higher one. Power to do work should be the deciding element in promoting a pupil. Our programs are flexible and frequent irregular promotions are made in all the grades below the High School.

Emerson has said that no man ever does anything well who does not come to it from higher ground. The advance of a pupil who had not completed a prescribed amount of text-book work was considered, until very recently, an unjustifiable proceeding. The fallacy of "thoroughness in all the subjects of a grade before promotion" has wrought havoc with thousands of the brightest pupils of the State. It is

our business as teachers to find out the dominant interests of each pupil that we attempt to teach, and then to direct those powers that nature has given him into the lines of these interests. We are not doing our duty by our pupils if we allow them to waste energy. Children are not created equal mentally or physically, and it is wrong to attempt to drive them through a school course together. It is possible for 30 per cent. of our pupils to complete the work of the five grades above the primary school in four years, 10 per cent. of them can complete it in less than four years. The record of pupils who have received irregular promotions in the grammar grades shows that they are more successful in the high school than the pupils who required the full eight years in the grammar school. Irregular promotions stimulate activity and develop self-reliance. We have divided the work of the grades in such a way that there is no loss of subjects to the pupil who wishes to work for individual promotion.

Home Study.

Children spend less than one-ninth of their school life in the school-rooms with their teachers. Is it best for them to spend more than eight-ninths of it without any thought of school? It has been argued that five hours a day are enough for any grade below the high school, and that home study injures the health of the pupils. No proofs are offered to sustain these arguments, and my own observations have led me to believe that home study is a benefit and not an injury to all healthy children in grades above the fourth. Children are much better off at home with their books in the evening than they would be on the streets or at social gatherings. The home studies should be those that lie in the line of the pupil's greatest interest. By judicious management the co-operation of the parents can be secured to such a degree that the school-work will be supplemented at home without lessen-

ing the pupil's enjoyment of other interests. Education is a directed, progressive participation in life's duties, opportunities and privileges, and we should not fail to make use of the powerful influences of home in interpreting the realities to which all our teaching should apply. One hour's work at home each day is a benefit to the pupils in the grades above the fourth, and many pupils in the lower grades take great pleasure in reading and drawing under the direction of their parents. In all high school subjects home study is a necessity. At least two hours should be devoted each day to careful, thoughtful study at home by all who would get the full benefits of their course.

General Progress.

No radical changes have been made in the methods of teaching. We have tried to develop the work outlined a year ago. Our teachers have no one method of teaching a subject, but they endeavor to employ all that is good in all the methods with which they are familiar. There has been marked improvement in the Reading and the Language. In the primary grades more time has been given to Reading than ever before. The work of the first grade has shown us that pupils can do a great deal towards learning to read in a single year. The written work gives evidence of improvement in spelling and writing. Every written exercise is carefully examined and only the best work of the pupil is accepted. There has been much practice in oral expression. Stories have been developed and the defects of language have been corrected in the class. In Arithmetic there has been more than the usual advancement. The teachers have made the problems practical and have insisted that the pupils should apply the knowledge gained in the class-room to the affairs of life. Geography has been presented in a careful and interesting manner and good results have been obtained. The work in History has been of the high char-

acter which shows that the pupils have pursued their study under skilled direction.

An earnest effort has been made to develop a love for good literature. In the grades and through the high school there has been good progress in all the classes in literature. The high school classes have shown interest and energy in all their work. The advantages of the new laboratories are very great. Chemistry and Physics are now taught in a thorough manner. The grades are now in much better condition than ever before. In the Osgood school we have one grade in a room, and the teachers now find time for more individual teaching. The increased number of irregular promotions shows that more work is being done than we were able to do before the additional rooms were provided. The small number of pupils in the outside schools partly compensates for the greater number of grades that the teachers are required to teach, and we have secured good results in these small schools.

The discipline in all the schools has been good throughout the year, and this fact has a deep significance—it indicates that our schools are doing their work well; that they are developing the higher nature of the children and thereby doing away with much of that disturbing influence that in school finds expression in inattention and disorder and in life in sloth and lawlessness.

Evening School.

The evening school, which was authorized by a vote of the town, has been conducted in the Osgood school building since December 2, 1901. The attendance has been very irregular, but at the present time there are enrolled 27 pupils. Instruction is given in Reading, Writing, United States History, Arithmetic, Grammar, and Bookkeeping. Three teachers are employed, and they have worked earnestly in the interests of their pupils. The report of the

Principal of the evening school is published herewith and deserves attention.

SCHOOL ROOM DECORATION.

The decoration of the walls of school rooms with works of art is a movement that is destined to exert a powerful influence for the extension of the culture and refinement of the nation. Ideals are formed during the early years at school, and it is very important that these ideals be noble ones. Daily contact with the great masterpieces of art cannot fail, under proper direction, to create an appreciation for the beautiful and to stimulate ambition. Our school rooms need more pictures and we must provide them. The local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has presented to the Osgood school several works of art that are highly appreciated. The High School has a few pictures that were purchased with the receipts of entertainments given by the pupils. We have a school building of which we are justly proud, and we must attend to the matter of interior decoration. No provision is made by law for purchasing works of art out of the money appropriated for school purposes, and we must rely upon the generosity of the people to supply this most necessary material for educating our children.

MUSIC AND DRAWING.

The special teachers of music and drawing have directed the work in their departments and the regular teachers have carried out the work. The even progress that has been made shows that there has been good direction and good teaching. The reports of the special teachers give in detail the work of the year.

We have a school system well developed at the present time because we have good facilities for working to the best advantage. Our school rooms offer ample accommodations for all our pupils, and our teachers are adapted to the par-

ticular work that they have to do. The extension of the departmental system has proved an advantage to the schools. We are able to teach our pupils in a rational way now that the rooms are not crowded. There is an opportunity now for improving the schools without the limiting conditions of former years.

During the past year harmonious relations have existed between school officials and teachers and there has been a steady advance. The co-operation of parents has been helpful and encouraging, and the spirit of the community has been favorable to our interests. With the continued support of the citizens and the faithful work of our teachers we may reasonably expect a steady increase of the educational activities of the schools. In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the continued confidence and generous support of the committee, of the cordial good will and earnest co-operation of the teachers, and the readiness of the people to assist in furthering the best interests of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON G. HOWARD,

Superintendent of Schools.

COHASSET, December 31, 1901.

REPORT ON MUSIC.

To the Superintendent of Schools:—

In music, as in other studies, the same constant drill goes on from year to year without much variation. Consequently, each succeeding year's report must be much the same as those preceeding.

During the past six months we have given more attention to *writing* music than at any previous time, having had a dictation exercise every Monday in all grades between the

Third and High. The method is this: The teacher sings a short exercise using the syllable "loo," the pupils writing the notes which represent the sounds given.

This is excellent training for the ear, and has been especially successful in the Fifth and Sixth grades. Occasionally the children, in turn, sing for some other to write, but this takes more time than can usually be given.

In other respects we are working along the same lines as usual, always finding that some classes progress more rapidly than others.

After studying the methods of some of the best supervisors of High School work, I have decided to discontinue all elementary work in the form of exercises in that class, and confine it to part songs of moderate difficulty. It is impossible to arouse any enthusiasm in pupils of High School age over exercises which have been sung many times by at least half of the class.

The "Advanced Reader," which has been in use nearly five years, can be used to good advantage during the last half of the *eighth* year.

The expense this year, therefore, for music for High School will be somewhat more than usual.

Thanks are especially due Miss M. E. Clapp for the help she has given us by presiding at the piano for the past five years, both at graduations and rehearsals for the same. The accompaniments are often difficult and require much practice. Although it is a pleasure to her and, perhaps, a relief from the round of other duties, nevertheless we, who are most interested, appreciate and are grateful to her for her kindness. I thank also the other teachers who have charge of their several grades, and who have been so successful in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH C. BATES.

January 14, 1902.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In submitting this my fifth annual report I look back over the work of the past years with a feeling of encouragement.

The work being done by the pupils at present is really much better than that of preceeding years.

The high school classes are larger and are working well.

The work in design has been particularly gratifying. In the high school abstract spots of color were arranged in rythmical relation to one another and then the unit thus obtained repeated symmetrically over the surface.

In the grammar grades the pupils studied rhythm and balance by arranging curved and straight lines to form their units. The number of different designs obtained from the grouping of the same three lines and a dot was quite interesting.

The smaller children grouped beans and sticks on their papers to form the units for towel borders and surface designs.

The object drawing has been particularly successful this year, as attention has been given not only to the shape, but to the light and shade of the object as well. The drawing of fruit and vegetables made by the little children with colored chalks express the roundness and solidity of the objects with a great degree of accuracy.

Much emphasis has been placed upon neatness and accuracy in all mechanical drawing, and the results show that improvement has been made along that line.

An exhibit was sent as usual to the Hingham Fair, for which a premium of $2 was received.

Respectfully submitted,

SARA TILDEN BAILEY,

Supervisor of Drawing.

North Scituate, Dec. 31, 1901.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE EVENING SCHOOL.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The evening school opened on the Monday following Thanksgiving with an attendance of about twenty-five. Sessions were appointed for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights of each week.

Bearing in mind the needs of students attending such a school, the teachers have tried to adapt their work as nearly as possible to those needs and confine their work to those branches most useful to the students. Much time and stress have been given to the practical parts of arithmetic, especially to measurements, the applications of percentage, and interest. Practical problems are given and the students are induced to bring examples of every-day occurrence into the class for discussion. Bookkeeping has been a very attractive study and has occupied the first period of each evening. The benefits derived from this study are obvious. Neatness, accuracy and good penmanship are demanded, and in general excellent results have been obtained.

The conveniences of the school as to room are inadequate to the present attendance. During the Arithmetic period it is necessary to hold three recitations in one room, and it

can be plainly seen that the best and desired results cannot be obtained under such conditions.

The mass of the school is composed of young men varying in age from 15 to 27. With but few exceptions they have shown a keen and decided interest in their work.

The attendance has alternately increased and diminished, but has maintained an average of about that of the opening night. Provided the attendance can be kept up and the teachers continue to do their duty the school cannot do otherwise than be successful.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. LARY, *Principal.*

Hingham, Dec. 31, 1901.

BEACH PRIVILEGES.

COHASSET, Mass., February 10th, 1902.

The Committee on Beach Privileges beg leave to submit the following report. They have received the following letter from Mr. A. H. Tower:

(Copy of letter.)

COHASSET, Mass., Feb. 3, 1902.

MR. B. PRESTON CLARK, *Secretary*,
Boston.

DEAR SIR:—In response to your letters of Jan. 21st and 27th, and having consulted with the owners of the property, I am now ready to submit to your committee, having the matter in charge, a definite proposition for the transfer to the town of that portion of "White Head" as has been previously considered under plan by D. N. Tower in 1899, which includes "Little White Head (so called) and four-fifths (4-5) interest of "Great White Head," owned in common and undivided with one-fifth (1-5) which we suppose to belong to Mr. John Bryant, which latter is not included in our offer. The foregoing described property we will sell to the town of Cohasset for twenty-five thousand ($25,000.00) dollars, reserving of course our natural right of way to and from our remaining land. As we have been at some pains to give the town the preference in this matter we trust our proposition will receive favorable consideration. I am,

Yours very truly,
(Signed) A. H. TOWER.

At a meeting recently held the committee voted unanimously to recommend the town to accept the above offer at the annual town meeting in March. In the meantime an effort will be made to secure price on the remaining 1-5 of "Great White Head."

A plan of the land offered by Mr. A. H. Tower will be placed in the Post Office some time before town meeting.

DR. O. H. HOWE, *Chairman*,
PHILANDER BATES,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
HERBERT A. TILDEN,
HON. A. A. LAWRENCE,
MANUEL SALVADOR,
B. PRESTON CLARK, *Secretary*.

One Hundred and Thirty-Third Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE SELECTMEN

OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET

AND THE

REPORTS OF OTHER TOWN OFFICERS,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1902.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1902-03.

Town Clerk.

HARRY F. TILDEN.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

PHILANDER BATES,	Chairman	Term expires	March, 1905
NEWCOMB B. TOWER .	"	"	March, 1903
HERBERT A. TILDEN . .	"	"	March, 1904

Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

ABRAHAM H. TOWER.

School Committee.

JOSEPH S. BIGELOW	Term	expires	March, 1903
AMOS A. LAWRENCE . .	"	"	March, 1903
HARRY E. MAPES . .	"	"	March, 1904
JASON M. ENNICE . .	"	"	March, 1904
Mrs. ELIZABETH O. DAVENPORT	"	"	March, 1905
CALEB LOTHROP, Sec. and Treas.	"	"	March, 1905

Constables.

EDWARD E. WENTWORTH,	JOHN ROCHE,
MANUEL S. ENOS,	THOMAS MANNIX,
A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD,	SIDNEY L. BEAL.

Auditor.

WENTWORTH J. EARLE.

Tree Warden.

HENRY L. McMAHON.

Trustees of the Public Library.

EDITH M. BATES	Term	expires	March, 1905
Mrs. EDWARD F. RIPLEY .	"	"	March, 1905
OLIVER H. HOWE . . .	"	"	March, 1905
EDWARD H. TOWER . .	"	"	March, 1904

LOUIS T. CUSHING . .	"	"	March, 1904
ABRAHAM H. TOWER . .	"	"	March, 1904
Mrs. ABRAHAM H. TOWER .	"	"	March, 1903
EDWARD F. RIPLEY . .	"	"	March, 1903
SARAH B. COLLIER . .	"	"	March, 1903

Appointments by the Board of Selectmen.

Fire Engineers.

HARRY E. MAPES, HENRY E. BRENNOCK,
A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD, ALSON S. RICHARDSON,
GEORGE JASON, THOMAS A. RICH,
STEPHEN R. NICHOLS, ELMER E. BATES,
GEORGE W. GROCE.

Board of Health.

THE SELECTMEN.

Auctioneers.

AARON PRATT, CHARLES A. GROSS,
EDWARD E. WENTWORTH, JAMES S. BEAL.

Superintendent of Streets.

PHILANDER BATES

Fence Viewers.

EPHRAIM SNOW, Jr. FRANK F. MARTIN. Jr.
GEORGE JASON.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

PAUL J. BATES.

Field Drivers.

EZEKIEL L. JAMES, GEORGE W. MORSE,
ELLERY C. BATES, EDWARD C. TOWER,
GEORGE W. GROCE.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

HERBERT L. BROWN, FRANKLIN BEAL.

Surveyors of Lumber.

ARTHUR O. HIGGINS, JOSEPH A. VALINE,

Public Weighers.

HERBERT L. BROWN, NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
ALFRED BEAL.

Pound Keeper.
LEVI L. WORRICK.

Keeper of Lockup.
WILLIAM J. BRENNOCK.

Harbor Master and Harbor Police.
JOSEPH JASON, Jr.

Registrars of Voters.

JOHN L. PRATT,	Term expires	May 1, 1905
CORNELIUS O'KEEFE . .	" "	May 1, 1904
CALEB F. NICHOLS . .	" "	May 1, 1903

HARRY F. TILDEN, *ex-officio*, Clerk of Board.

Inspector of Animals.
DARIUS W. GILBERT, V. S.

Undertaker.
WARREN F. SNOW.

Night Police Officers.
* J. WILLIAM EDWARDS, THOMAS MANNIX,
JOHN J. GRASSIE.

Special Night Police Officers.
JOHN FLEMING, MANUEL P. VALINE,
FRANK JASON, SIDNEY L. BEAL.

Special Officers.
WILLIAM J. BRENNOCK, M. WILLIAM SILVIA.

* Resigned April 1, 1902.

TOWN OF COHASSET.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

For 1901.

Doings of the

TOWN OF COHASSET.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Extracts from the Town Records.

The Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset was held March 3, 1902, agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same, at which time the several articles contained were acted upon as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Chose, Philander Bates, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year, one Selectman, one Assessor, and one Overseer of the Poor for three years, a Treasurer for the ensuing year, a Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year, two Members of the School Committee for three years, six Constables, one Auditor and one Tree Warden for the ensuing year, all to be brought in on one ballot. Also to vote upon the question, "Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in the town the current year, in accordance with Chapter 100, Section 5, of the Public Statutes?"

The vote upon this question will be deposited in the State

ballot box as the Statute provides. The polls for the reception of ballots under this article will be open until half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon and for such longer time as voters present shall determine.

Chose, The following Town Officers:

Harry F. Tilden, Town Clerk.

Philander Bates, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, for three years.

Abraham H. Tower, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

Caleb Lothrop and Mrs. Elizabeth O. Davenport, members of the School Committee for three years.

Edward E. Wentworth, John Roche, Manuel S. Enos, A. Bradford Litchfield, Thomas Mannix and Sidney L. Beal, Constables.

Wentworth J. Earle, Auditor.

Henry L. McMahon, Tree Warden.

263 ballots were cast on the License Question, of which 103 were "Yes" and 160 "No."

ARTICLE 3. To choose all other necessary town officers, or act thereon.

Chose, Miss Edith M. Bates, Mrs. Edward F. Ripley and Dr. Oliver H. Howe, Trustees of Public Library for three years.

Chose, Edward H. Tower, Trustee of Public Library for two years.

Voted, That balance of town officers be appointed by the Selectmen.

(For list of appointments see page 6.)

ARTICLE 4. To act upon the Reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Treasurer of the Public Library, School Committee, Treasurer of School Committee, Tree Warden and Auditor.

Each of the above reports were, by a vote, accepted.

ARTICLE 5. What sums of money will the town raise

and appropriate for the payment of debt, interest, repairs of highways and sidewalks, removing snow, support and relief of poor, schools, public libraries, electric lights for streets, water for hydrants, public buildings, fountains and streets, and all other charges and expenses for the current year.

Voted, That the sum of fifty-six thousand seven hundred dollars ($56,700) be assessed and raised by taxation the current year.

Voted, That the sum of sixty-six thousand seven hundred dollars ($66,700) be appropriated the current year as follows:

For Payment of Debt	$6,400 00
Payment of Interest	3,000 00
Support of Schools	15,000 00
Support and Relief of Poor	6,500 00
Highways and Sidewalks	9,000 00
Electric Lights	5,400 00
Water for hydrants	2,750 00
Watering Streets	2,500 00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	600 00
Town Officers	2,500 00
Night Police	2,500 00
Special Police	200 00
Fire Department	1,200 00
Removing Snow	500 00
Public Libraries	1,100 00
Memorial Day	100 00
Printing	300 00
Military Aid	200 00
Inspector of Cattle	100 00
Town Hall	1,500 00
Board of Health	500 00

Tree Warden	300 00
Iron Bridge Note	1,000 00
Recreation Field	2,000 00
Common and School Lot . . .	200 00
Strait's Pond	150 00
Incidentals	1,200 00
Total	$66,700 00

ARTICLE 6. Will the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes, and to pay State and Military Aid?

Voted, That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow in anticipation of the taxes, such sums of money, and at such times, as may be needed to defray the current expenses of the year 1902.

ARTICLE 7. In what manner will the town collect the taxes, and at what time shall they be paid into the treasury?

Voted, That the taxes assessed for the year ensuing shall be due and payable on the first day of August next; and on all taxes remaining unpaid on the first day of October next, interest not exceeding seven per cent. per annum shall be added to date of payment; and the taxes remaining unpaid on the tenth day of January, 1903, shall be considered delinquent and subject to collection according to law. The interest accruing under this vote shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

ARTICLE 8. What compensation will the town allow the Collector of Taxes for the current year?

Voted, That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the current year be four hundred dollars.

ARTICLE 9. To hear the report of the Selectmen on guide-boards, and act thereon.

Voted, That the following report of the Selectmen on guide-boards be accepted:

Guide-boards are maintained at the following places: Junction of South Main, Summer and Spring Streets; South Main and Beechwood Streets; King and Beechwood Streets; Church and Beechwood Streets; Doane and Beechwood Streets; Junction of King Street, Forest Avenue and North Main Street; Forest Avenue and Jerusalem Road; Hull Street and Jerusalem Road; Jerusalem Road and North Main Street; Snow Place and Summer Street; Border and Summer Streets.

Article 10. Will the town accept the list of Jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen?

Voted. That the names of the seventeen persons who requested it be crossed off the list.

Voted, To add the names of four persons to the list of Jurors.

Voted, To accept the list of Jurors as amended, which was as follows:

Augustus S. Burgess,	Henry L. McMahon,
Franklin Beal,	Benjamin F. Morse,
William H. Bates,	James J. McElroy,
Edgar W. Bates,	Henry R. Nickerson,
Edwin Bates,	Caleb Nichols,
Walter D. Brooks,	John J. A. Pratt,
Orlando Curtis,	Andrew H. Prouty,
Sanford L. Damon,	Ephraim Snow, Jr.
John Flemming,	William R. Sears,
Joseph E. Grassie,	George A. Stewart,
John J. Grassie,	Willie F. Thayer,
George W. Groce,	Herbert A. Tilden,
Charles H. Hackett,	Daniel N. Tower,
Thomas F. Kinsley,	Frank W. Wheelwright,
George W. Kimball,	William S. Valine,

Frederic L. Lincoln.

ARTICLE 11. To hear and act upon the report of any committee.

Voted, That this article be passed over.

ARTICLE 12. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the suppression of gambling and the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in the town the current year?

Voted, That the sum of $500 be appropriated for above purpose.

ARTICLE 13. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to contract with the State Highway Commission to build a section of State road the ensuing year, or make some arrangement with the State Highway Commission by which the town shall complete a portion of the main road between Sohier street and the Scituate line, and the State Highway Commission a portion of said work, to be completed within two years?

Voted, That the Selectmen be so authorized.

ARTICLE 14. Will the town cause the financial report to be printed and distributed in the month of February, 1903?

Voted, In the affirmative.

ARTICLE 15. To hear and act upon the report of the Committee on Beach Privileges?

Voted, To postpone action on this article for three months, and the committee cause a plan to be made of the land to be bought, and a copy sent to each voter, together with the price of said land.

ARTICLE 16. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to place an arc light at the junction of South Main, Summer and Spring streets, one at junction of Summer and Elm streets, and four incandescent lights on South Main street, south of Cushing's corner?

Voted, That the Selectmen be so authorized and instructed.

ARTICLE 17. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars for the Pond Street Cemetery to provide gates for the entrance, balance to be spent on roadways, or act on anything relating to said cemetery?

Voted, That a committee of five citizens, including the Moderator, be appointed by him, and that this committee be instructed to perform the following duties:

First. Investigate the condition of Pond Street Cemetery.

Second. Ascertain whether there is other land in town suitable for cemetery purposes which may be acquired.

Third. Determine whether it is advisable to abandon Pond Street Cemetery.

Fourth. Make estimates of cost of any proposed change or improvement.

Committee to report at next meeting.

Committee appointed by Moderator for above were Thomas Mannix, Levi L. Worrick, Arthur Mulvey, C. James Pratt and Philander Bates.

ARTICLE 18. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to hire some responsible man to act as Superintendent of Streets at a salary not exceeding one thousand ($1,000) dollars, said man to be outside of the Board of Selectmen, and to devote his time and energy for the best interest of said town and highways?

Voted, In the negative.

ARTICLE 19. Will the town raise the sum of five hundred ($500) dollars, for removing the ledge and widening the road on King Street, near the residence of William H. Reed?

Voted, That the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated for above purpose.

ARTICLE 20. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to

purchase a gravel bank in the town, if the same can be found of a suitable quality and at a reasonable price?

Voted, In the negative.

ARTICLE 21. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars, for the purpose of renting a recreation ground for the Beechwood district for the ensuing year, or act thereon?

Voted, That this article be passed over.

ARTICLE 22. Will the town vote to appoint, by nomination, a committee of ten citizens, whose duty shall be to present at an early date a petition to the Railroad Commissioners asking for a hearing to obtain a reduction in passenger rates on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad for the South Shore district, this committee to cooperate with similar committees, if there are any in the towns of Duxbury, Scituate, Hingham and Weymouth?

Voted, That ten citizens be appointed by the chair and notified for above purpose.

The committee appointed were; Jason M. Ennice, Edward H. Tower, Charles B. Pratt, Irving F. Sylvester, Russell B. Tower, William S. Valine, Charles F. Wilbur, Burgess C. Tower, Leonard A. Wilbur and Bela O. Pratt.

ARTICLE 23. Will the town cause a special appropriation of eight hundred dollars ($800) to be made for the Fire Department, said appropriation being placed with the Board of Engineers for the purpose of purchasing suitable caps, coats and boots for the department?

Voted, that this article be passed over.

ARTICLE 24. Will the town appropriate a sufficient sum of money to construct a face wall along the south side of Margin street, from a point opposite the residence of Thomas T. Spear to Mr. Clarence W. Barron's estate, the object being to protect the roadbed between those points from the tide-water?

Voted, To pass over this article.

ARTICLE 25. Will the town appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen in building macadam sidewalks in or near the centre of the town?

Voted, That this article be left to the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 26. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) to place a drinking fountain, and seats and shade trees in the park at the head of the cove?

Voted, In the negative.

ARTICLE 27. Will the town raise and appropriate money sufficient to move pumping station from Jerusalem road to Beechwood street and water Beechwood street from Cushing's Corner to Brown's Corner, Church and Doane streets from junction of Beechwood street to Scituate line?

Voted, That the sum of five hundred dollars be raised and the sum of one thousand dollars be appropriated for above purpose.

Voted, That the thanks of this meeting be extended to the Moderator for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over it.

Voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Cohasset, held on Saturday evening, the twenty-first day of June, at 7.30 o'clock, action was taken as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Chose, Philander Bates, Moderator.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned until one week from to-night, at 7.30 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted, that a recess of fifteen minutes be taken.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the report of the Committee on Beach Privileges, and act thereon.

Voted, Not to purchase Great White Head.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the report of the Cemetery Committee, appointed at the last annual meeting, and act thereon.

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed and authorized to carry out the recommendations of the Cemetery Committee, which were as follows: "That the Pond Street Cemetery be abandoned, that the town purchase or otherwise acquire the land owned by Mr. Whitney near his race-track on the southerly side of the railroad track, and that the bodies now buried in the Pond Street Cemetery be removed to this proposed new location at the expense of the town."

ARTICLE 4. What action will the town take in relation to the observance of Old Home Week the present season?

Voted, That the sum of $250 be appropriated for the observance of Old Home Week, and that a committee consisting of the Clergymen of the town have charge of same, with power of enlarging said committee, if need be.

ARTICLE 5. To see what action the town will take in regard to putting in half-tide gates at the entrance of Little Harbor, or act upon anything relating thereto.

Voted, That a committee of five be appointed to investigate the above, and report at Annual Town Meeting. The committee appointed were, Harry H. Gay, Cyrus R. Keene, William R. Sears, B. Preston Clark and Harry E. Mapes.

Voted, To take up Article 7.

ARTICLE 7. Will the town authorize the Engineers to purchase a hose carriage to be placed at North Cohasset, at

a cost not exceeding seven hundred dollars, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the Engineers be so authorized.

Article 6. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to purchase the land and the building thereon of E. D. Studley, at North Cohasset, to be used as a hose house, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That this article be referred to the Selectmen to act for best interest of the town in regard to a building for hose carriage at North Cohasset.

Article 8. Will the town cause a hydrant to be placed on Jerusalem Road, near the Pope Memorial Church; also one near the driveway of Mrs. H. D. Hyde, on the same road, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That hydrants be placed as above.

Article 9. Will the town rescind the vote passed at the last annual meeting, whereby the Treasurer was authorized to hire money in anticipation of the taxes?

Voted, That the vote above referred to be reconsidered.

Article 10. Will the town authorize the Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the taxes, to be repaid from the revenue of the current year, agreeably to the provisions of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts?

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning March 3, 1902, in anticipation of the collection of taxes, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the notes of the town therefor payable within one year after the date thereof. All debt incurred under the authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Article 11. Will the town appoint a committee of three to consider the advisability of the purchase of a Porta-

ble Stone Crushing Plant, the same to report at the next annual meeting?

Voted, That the Moderator appoint a committee of three for above purpose. Committee appointed was Oliver H. Howe, Elliot Stoddard and Edgar W. Bates.

Article 12. Will the town instruct the Board ot Selectment to fix the salary of the Superintendent of Streets at $1,000 per annum?

This salary to commence with the day of appointment for 1902, the increase in said salary over the present salary to be paid by the Town Treasurer upon receipt of order from the Selectmen.

Voted, In the affirmative.

Article 13. Will the town appropriate a sufficient sum of money to convey the children living on Jerusalem road beginning near the residence of J. S. Kendall, also those living upon Atlantic avenue, to and from the Osgood School, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the sum of $200 be appropriated for above purpose.

Voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Cohasset, held on Saturday evening, August 16, 1902, at 8 o'clock, agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same, the several articles in the warrant were acted upon as follows:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Chose, Philander Bates, Moderator.

Article 2. Will the town purchase the White Head

property as surveyed by Daniel N. Tower, for the sum of twenty-six thousand two hundred dollars ($26,200) including Dr. John Bryant's one fifth interest in Great White Head, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, By a majority vote to purchase the White Head property as surveyed by Daniel N. Tower for the sum specified, but failed to obtain the required two thirds vote authorizing the treasurer to hire the required amount to pay for the same.

Article 3. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to cause three hydrants to be placed on the roadways at Lincoln Hillside, whenever suitable pipes are laid by the water company?

Voted, That the Selectmen cause four hydrants to be placed on the roadways at Lincoln Hillside.

Voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

MILITARY DUTY.

The number of men liable to perform military duty May 1, 1902, were 318

DOGS LICENSED.

The number of dogs licensed in Cohasset from December 1st, 1901 to December 1st, 1902, were as follows:

Male	149
Female	13
Total	162

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

ELECTION RECORD.

November 4, 1902.

Registered Voters in Cohasset, 564.
Whole number of Ballots cast, 441.

Governor.

John L. Bates of Boston, Rep.	254
Michael T. Berry of Haverhill, S. L. N. P.	0
John C. Chase of Haverhill, Soc.	10
William A. Gaston of Boston, Dem.	151
William H. Partridge of Newton, Pro.	1
Blanks	25

Lieutenant-Governor.

John Quincy Adams of Amesbury, Soc.	18
Thomas F. Brennan of Salem, S. L. N. P.	2
Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton, Pro.	3
Curtis Guild, Jr. of Boston, Rep.	262
Herbert C. Joyner of Great Barrington, Dem.	115
Blanks	41

Secretary.

Edward A. Buckland of Holyoke, Soc.	15
Herbert B. Griffin of Winthrop, Pro.	1
Jeremiah O'Fihelly of Abington, S. L. N. P.	2
William M. Olin of Boston, Rep.	273
Willmore B. Stone of Springfield, Dem.	98
Blanks	52

Treasurer and Receiver-General.

Edward S. Bradford of Springfield, Rep.	267
Joseph L. Chalifoux of Lowell, Dem.	98
Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield, S. L. N. P.	2
Daniel Parlin of Worcester, Pro.	2

David Taylor of Boston, Soc.	13
Blanks	59

AUDITOR.

David Morrison of Fall River, Pro.	4
S. Fremont Packard of Brockton, Soc.	14
Charles Stoeber of Adams, S. L. N. P.	1
Thomas C. Thacher of Yarmouth, Dem.	110
Henry E. Turner of Malden, Rep.	257
Blanks	55

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Allen Coffin of Nantucket, Pro.	4
Charles E. Fenner of Worcester, Soc.	14
John J. Flaherty of Gloucester, Dem.	99
John A. Henley of Lynn, S. L. N. P.	1
Herbert Parker of Lancaster, Rep.	266
Blanks	57

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS—FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

Jeremiah Devine of Abington, S. L. N. P.	4
Charles B. Gaffney of Abington, Pro.	3
Charles A. Gilday of Brockton, Dem.	94
William C. Lovering of Taunton, Rep.	283
Isaac W. Skinner of Brockton, Soc.	12
Blanks	45

COUNCILLOR—FIRST DISTRICT.

George W. Bloomstrand of Whitman, Soc.	15
Benjamin C. Cromwell, Jr., of Tisbury, Dem.	104
David F. Slade of Fall River, Rep.	258
Blanks	64

SENATOR—FIRST PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Charles B. Drew, of Hanover, Soc.	22
Elisha T. Harvell of Rockland, Rep.	253
Edward G. Knight of Hull, Pro.	7
Andrew Shanahan of Rockland, Dem.	100
Blanks.	59

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT — THIRD PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Thomas H. Buttimer of Hingham, Dem.	218
William H. Litchfield of Hull, Rep.	215
Blanks	8

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—NORFOLK.

William E. Badger of Quincy, Rep.	194
Daniel H. Coleman of Braintree, Soc.	14
Marshall P. Wright of Quincy, Rep., Ind., Nomination Papers, Dem.	187
Blanks	46

CONVENTION OF TOWN CLERKS IN THE THIRD PLYMOUTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.

On the fourteenth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and two the Town Clerks of Hingham, Cohasset and Hull, said towns comprising the third Plymouth Representative District, assembled at the Town Clerk's office in Hingham at twelve o'clock noon, for the purpose of examining the returns of votes given in, and determining who had been elected to represent said District in General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday in January next, proceeded to canvas said returns, and found the ballots given in for the several candidates to be as follows :—

	Hingham	Cohasset	Hull	Total
Thomas H. Buttimer of Hingham	425	218	161	804
William H. Litchfield of Hull . .	413	215	127	755
Blanks	11	8	5	24
Totals	849	441	293	1583

FRED H. MILLER, Town Clerk of Hingham.
HARRY F. TILDEN, Town Clerk of Cohasset.
JAMES JEFFREY, Town Clerk of Hull.

List of Marriages, Births and Deaths—Registered in Cohasset during the Year 1902.

MARRIAGES.

Date.	NAME.	Residence.	Where and By Whom Married.
Jan. 20	Evan J. Evans Edith Tower	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole.
Jan. 31	Gordan S. Beal Grace Eddy	Brockton Cohasset	Married at Braintree by Rev. F. W. Burrows.
Feb. 8	William T. Litchfield Eva Griffin	Cohasset Norwell	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole.
Feb. 10	Charles Bennett Minnie E. Whitcomb	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
Mar. 4	Chester J. Smith Ida (Cole) Hoag	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole.
Mar. 15	Lester R. Hoag Annie MacKenzie	Cohasset Boston	Married at Boston by Rev. A. K. MacLellan.
Mar. 27	Charles Duncanson Edith Elenor Tower	Boston Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Charles W. Merriam.
Apr. 5	Michael Duffy Mary Coyne	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
Apr. 9	Edward F. Powers Bridget Curran	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
Apr. 16	Dennis Daley Katherine Donovan	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
Apr. 30	Robert John Litchfield Lizzie Almena Litchfield	Scituate Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
April 30	Burgess C. Tower Carola O. Leighton	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole.
June 2	Charles L. Harding Harriette A. Knowles	Boston Boston	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole.
June 4	William DeFord Bigelow Helen May Harding	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Milo H. Gates.

July 14	Charles H. Pratt	Hanover	Married at Scituate by Rev. Arthur W. Cleaves.
	Elizabeth A. Mitchell	Cohasset	
July 31	Joseph Ferrer	Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
	Mary F. Sylvia	Cohasset	
Aug. 9	Antone Francis	Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. A. J. Hamilton.
	Annie Sylva	Cohasset	
Aug. 19	Richard J. Cadden, Jr.	Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Milo H. Gates.
	Margaret L. Lyall	Cohasset	
Aug. 26	James L. McElroy	Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
	Margaret M. Mitchell	Roxbury	
Sept. 7	Lawrence A. Janney	Washington, D. C.	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Milo H. Gates.
	Marion Robbins	Cohasset	
Oct. 1	Matthew Luce, Jr.	Cohasset	Married at Brookline by Rev. William H. Lyon.
	Mary Cobb Hovey	Brookline	
Oct. 22	James T. Gillis	Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Joseph P. Lawless.
	Mary T. Balfe	Cohasset	
Oct. 22	Ellis Field Miller	Cohasset	Married at Lowell by Rev. Robert G. Osborne.
	Glenna Ardella Huson	Lowell	
Nov. 6	Arthur A. Thing	Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
	Mary Manning	Cohasset	
Nov. 10	Daniel Dennehy	Cohasset	Married at Hingham by Rev. Walter F. Sweeney.
	Julia Hayes	Hingham	
Nov. 19	Charles J. Enos	Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
	Inez F. Martin	Cohasset	
Dec. 3	Oscar Anderson	Cohasset	Married at Scituate by Rev. Albert D. Spaulding.
	Rita I. (Page) Lawrence	Cohasset	
Dec. 3	Charles T. Bourne	Cohasset	Married at East Weymouth by Rev. William R. Cole.
	Ruth L. Farrar	East Weymouth	
Dec. 27	Harry P. Jones	Hingham	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
	Edith M. Ainslie	Cohasset	

Twenty-nine marriages were registered in Cohasset as per list above, of which twenty-one were solemnized in this town. Twenty-two grooms and twenty-one brides were residents of Cohasset, while there were fifteen marriages in which both were residents of this town.

HARRY F. TILDEN, Town Clerk.

BIRTHS, 1902.

Date.	Name.	Parent's Name.	Mother's M. N.	Place of Birth.
Jan. 30 . .	Martha Wiley Bates.	Ellery C. and Julia Wiley.	Treat	Beechwood St.
Feb. 11 . .	Paul Clifton Thayer.	Samuel N. and Margaret.	Cusick.	No. Main St.
Feb. 20 . .	May Edith Evans.	Evan and Edith.	Taylor.	Pleasant St.
Mar. 4 . .	George Perry Mapes.	George B. and Carrie.	Griffin.	Elm St.
Mar. 10 . .	Mildred Curtis Pratt.	Ira N. and Sadie L.	Apts.	Beechwood St.
Mar. 17 . .	Harold William Litchfield.	William T. and Eva.	Griffin.	Beechwood St.
Mar. 20 . .	Louisa Amelia Botailyo.	Manuel S. and Mary T.	Crovalha.	Pleasant St.
Mar. 31 . .	Malcolm Hall Stevens.	Thomas N. and Louise.	Clark.	Beechwood St.
April 9 . .	William Roswell Cole.	William R. and Leonore.	Schumann.	Ripley Road.
April 10 . .	Laura Hazel Bates.	James S. and Abbie L.	Tribou.	Spring St.
April 12 . .	Susannah Hatch.	Henry and Helen A.	Philips	Beach St.
April 21 . .	Manuel Joseph Iotte.	Philip S. and Mary L.	Silvia.	Beechwood St.
April 22 . .	Myra Ethelind James.	Ezekiel L. and Nellie.	Bates.	King St.
April 22 . .	Louise Beryl Sylvester.	Irving F. and Violet.	Hiscock.	So. Main St.
April 29 . .	Edith Gertrude Fratus.	John W. and Susie M.	Souther.	Beechwood St.
May 3 . .	Kathrine Threasa Hannafin.	Patrick and Mary Kate.	Moran.	Border St.
May 3 . .	Mary Ellen Lyons.	Michael and Bridget.	Coyne.	Smith Pl.
May 3 . .	Ruth Evelyn Peterson.	August and Mabel.	Treat.	Stockbridge St.
May 5 . .	Clarence Harold Litchfield.	Lewellyn A. and Annie L.	Steele.	Church St.
May 13 . .	John Edmund Burke.	Michael and Annie.	Mac Namara.	Spring St.
May 25 . .	Lynette Alvina Monteiro.	George G. and Edith Leonora.	Antoine.	Stockbridge St.
June 16 . .	Ellen Elizabeth Golden.	Dennis and Mary Elizabeth.	McDonald.	Parker Ave.
June 20 . .	Alta Carita Mulvey.	Arthur and Caroline.	Murray.	Forest Ave.
July 2 . .	Philip Knight Bates	Edgar Wallace and Minnie F.	Knight.	Ripley Road.
July 8 . .	John James Poland.	Michael J. and Abbie Josephine.	Coffey.	Border St.
July 18 . .	Bernard Gulart Salvador.	Manuel E. and Theresa.	Azevedo.	Stockbridge St.
July 9 . .	Rodney Herbert Gott.	Herbert R. and Luella.	Black.	Pleasant St.
Aug. 10 . .	———Barry.	John J. and Hannah J.	Neagle.	Jerusalem Road.

Aug. 13 . .	Ethel May Andrews.	Frank and Lula.	Wood.	Beechwoods.
Aug. 26 . .	Henry Chester Fuller.	James I. and Bridget M.	Dineen.	So. Main St.
Aug. 31 . .	Malvin Earle Peterson.	Arne Peterson and Mary V.	Enos.	Parker Ave.
Sept. 1 . .	Wilbur Russell Griffin.	Lester and Lulu E.	Denithorne.	Pleasant St.
Sept. 6 . .	Ira Benjamin Pratt Stoughton.	Spencer H. and Mary C.	Pratt.	Beechwood St.
Sept. 7 . .	Raymond Francis Cecil Bean.	William I. and Edwina.	Buck.	Pond St.
Sept. 9 . .	Godfrey Ellerton.	Godfrey and Julia O.	Tanger.	Stockbridge St.
Sept. 26 . .	Delia Florence Stover.	Charles E. and Lillie C.	Rooney.	Summer St.
Oct. 12 . .	Hazel Winifred Flint.	Frank E. and Maria F.	White.	No. Main St.
Oct. 15 . .	———Hinckley.	Freeman and Margaret R.	Pope.	Jerusalem Road.
Nov. 9 . .	Donald Thomas James.	William and Mary.	McDonald.	Main St.
Nov. 10 . .	Ruby Elizabeth White.	Harry H. and Alice.	Williams.	No. Main St.
Nov. 14 . .	Marguerite Mary Morris.	Frank J. and Mary L.	Thomas.	Parker Ave.
Nov. 14 . .	Elizabeth Adams Grassie.	Joseph J. and Marguerite E.	Farrell.	Lincoln Hillside.
Dec. 8 . .	Rose Annie Duffy.	Michael and Mary.	Coyne.	Smith Pl.
Dec. 21 . .	Annie Julia Brasill.	Clarence S. and Mary J.	Delory.	Margin St.
Dec. 22 . .	Margretha Elizabeth Sheehan.	John J. and Mary.	Shea.	Spring St.
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May 14 . .	Lewis Victor Botailyo.	Manuel S. and Mary T.	Crovalha.	Pleasant St.
May 26 . .	John Vargus.	Joseph and Mary.	Silvia.	Beechwood St.

The above list contains the names of forty-five babies born in Cohasset in 1902 and two omitted in last year's report. Of those born in 1902, twenty-six were females and nineteen males, with percentage as follows: American father and mother, 24; American father and foreign mother, 4; Foreign father and American mother, 5; Foreign father and mother, 12.

HARRY F. TILDEN, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS, 1902.

Date.	NAME.	Age. Y.	M.	D.	Cause of Death.	Place of Death.
Jan. 14	William V. Creed	83	5		Old Age	Quincy, Mass.
Jan. 20	Levi Tower	78	2	5	Pneumonia	Cambridge, Mass.
Jan. 23	Harriet (Farrar) Souther	76	7		Paralysis	Elm Street.
Feb 18	Ignacio Louisa (Admirali) Fratees	76			Chronic Ulceration of Stomach	Cohasset.
Feb. 21	Thomas C. Whitcomb	74	9	6	Heart Disease	Beechwood Street.
March 22	Zenas Dallas Lincoln	78	5	27	Chronic Catarrhal Cystitis	Highland Avenue.
March 27	Alonzo Benjamin Davis	19	7		Phthisis Pulmonalis	Pleasant Street.
April 11	(1) Emily (Welch) McLay	21	10		Peritonitis	North Main Street.
April 11	(2) Grenville T. W. Braman	60	8	14	Angina Pectoris	Jerusalem Road.
April 17	Richard Bourne	73	2	24	Apoplexy	Clinton, Mass.
April 24	Lewis Victor Botailyo		11	10	Meningitis	Pleasant Street.
May 8	(2) Susan W. (Bartlett) Farwell	80	9	4	Pneumonia	Boston, Mass.
May 22	(3) Mary (Collins) Murphy	72		12	Heart Failure	Margin Street.
May 27	(4) Peter Jamello	26			Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	Quincy, Mass.
May 30	Benjamin S. Litchfield	40			Cerebral Congestion	Westboro, Mass.
June 9	Abagail Ann (Tower) Keene	75	9	2	Old Age	Beach Street.
July 1	Edward H. Coles	75			Old Age	Pleasant Street.
July 22	Louisa J. (Strong) Wheelwright.	68	3		Aneurism	Beechwood Street.
Aug. 1	Mary Jane (Tower) Bates	76	7	1	Heart Disease	South Main Street.
Aug. 8	(5) Louise Harding Williams	33	1	8	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Atlantic Avenue.
Aug. 12	(3) William Arnold Kelly		6		Colitis	Margin Street.
Aug. 20	Ellen Augusta (Lincoln) Kimball	52	4		Fibroid Tumor	South Main Street.
Aug. 22	(5) Eliza Ward (Davenport) Bray	79	10		Hodgkins Disease	Sohier Street.
Aug. 30	Florence Lincoln Bates	2		10	Cholera Infantum	Hull, Mass.
Sept. 4	Henry R. Tower		7		Cholera Infantum	Beechwood Street.
Sept. 5	Susan Lincoln	82	8	18		Boston, Mass.

Sept. 7	(6) Sarah (Walsh) Finnin	58			Fatty Heart	Cohasset.
Sept. 14	Ruth N. Battles	77		18	Bright's Disease	Hampton, N. H.
Sept. 27	Esther Maria (Penniman) Thayer	86	5		General Debility	Pleasant Street.
Sept. 29	(6) Delia (Doherty) Rooney	56			Diabetes	Summer Street.
Oct. 2	(4) Patrick Mulcahy	67			Cancer	Pleasant Street.
Oct. 14	Anne Maria Oakes	76	3	26	Cerebral Softening	Brookline, Mass.
Oct. 15	Ellen Gillespie (Bates) Beal	69	10		Bright's Disease	Highland Avenue.
Oct. 27	Ella Maud MacCurrach	23			Cerebral Hemorrhage	Brockton, Mass.
Nov. 7	Ephraim Battles	86	3	23	Paralysis	Highland Avenue.
Nov. 11	(7) Harriet Foulser	44	10		Carcinoma	South Main Street.
Nov. 11	Manuel Silva Alamao	72	6		Cerebral Hemorrhage	Elm Street.
Nov. 12	John Silva	78			Rheumatism	Smith Place
Nov. 15	James Hall Nichols	62	11	12	Nephritic	Beach Street.
Nov. 23	George L. Sears	19	9	2	Glanders	Boston, Mass.
Nov. 28	George W. Beal	63	11	9	Tuberculosis of Lungs	Hull Street.
Dec. 3	Arthur Russell Mulvey	1	9	12	Convulsions	Forest Avenue.
Dec. 5	Malvin Earle Peterson		3	5	Bronchitis	Stockbridge Street.
Dec. 12	Susannah L. Stoddard	47	2	7	Diabetes Melletes	Boston, Mass.
Dec. 21	Charlotte (Lane) Gove	79	1	20	Broncho-Pneumonia	Border Street.
Dec. 27	George W. Wilson	60			Apoplexy	Boston, Mass.
Dec. 29	Orlando Curtis	63	10	14	Valvular Disease of Heart	Beechwood Street.
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July 27	Otis Richardson Cooke	32	9	15	Appendicitis	Quincy, Mass.

1. Buried at Hull. 2. Buried at Cambridge. 3. Buried at Roxbury. 4. Buried at Quincy. 5. Buried at Forest Hills. 6. Buried at Hingham. 7. Buried at Scituate.

The above list comprises forty-eight names, and includes fifteen who have died in other places, who were either residents of this town or were brought here for burial.

Of the thirty-three who died in this town seventeen were males and sixteen were females, and their average age was fifty-two years nine months and twenty-two days.

Fifteen were born in Cohasset, four in Boston, one in South Weymouth, one in Braintree, one in West Roxbury, one in Farmsvilla, Va., and ten in foreign countries.

Five were under five years, one between ten and twenty years, one between twenty and thirty years, one between thirty and forty years, one between forty and fifty years, three between fifty and sixty years, seven between sixty and seventy years, twelve between seventy and eighty years and two over eighty years of age.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE SELECTMEN

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1902.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1902.

The Selectmen herewith submit the annual report of the receipts and expenditures, which on examination and comparison will be found to have exceeded the payments for 1901. The reason for this is that several accounts as rendered had no appropriation, and in other accounts expenditures exceeded the appropriations. One of these accounts is the gate and dam at Mill Bridge. The gate posts were removed from their positions early in the season by the force of water, and in order to put them back a portion of the dam had to be rebuilt, which was done in a thorough manner, large stones being used in the work, which was greatly hindered from the fact that a large portion of the labor was tide work. We feel it has been done in a most substantial manner and reflects credit on those immediately concerned in the work.

Another account is the street watering appropriation, exceeded in consequence of the purchase of new sprinklers, and instead of attempting to move the old building, which was too small for the purpose, from Jerusalem Road to Beechwood for a pump station, it was thought to be more economical to build a new building.

There has been an increasing demand for an odorless excavating wagon, and one was purchased and placed in charge of Frank W. Wheelwright for the last season, and has proved to have been very useful. By its purchase the

appropriation for Board of Health has been exceeded. Other accounts needing explanation will be given at the Annual Meeting.

We wish to again call the attention of our citizens to the Notice of the State Board on Inland Fisheries and Game, issued November 22, 1901:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND GAME.

NOTICE.

The Commissioners on Fisheries and Game, having caused Lily Pond, in the town of Cohasset, to be stocked with food fish, in accordance with Chapter 208, Acts of 1897, hereby close said Pond and its tributaries to all fishing, from the first day of November to the first day of June of each year, for a term of three years from this date.

Said Pond is open to fishing with single hook and hand-line Monday, Wednesday and Saturday of each week, from the first day of June to the first day of November of each year for the said three years.

Penalty for violation of these regulations, $20 for each offence.

J. W. COLLINS,
E. A. BRACKETT,
J. W. DELANO,

Board of Commissioners on Inland Fisheries and Game.

BOSTON, Nov. 22, 1901.

EXPENDITURES.

Town of Cohasset for the year ending December 31, 1902.

By the Selectmen.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' RELIEF.

Paid Margaret Nott . . .	$48 00	
Emily N. Phinney . .	72 00	
Leander W. Groce . .	104 00	
Mrs. James Rooney . .	53 00	
Mrs. Oliver D. Morey .	261 50	
Robert L. Curtis . .	8 40	
		$546 90

STATE AID.

Paid Harriet J. Apts . . .	$48 00	
Martha Barnes . . .	48 00	
Clarinda R. Bennett . .	48 00	
Frederick N. Curtis . .	60 00	
Susan Curtis . . .	48 00	
Alfred Haskell . . .	72 00	
Delia Rooney . . .	36 00	
Rose A. De Santos . .	48 00	
William F. Thayer . .	72 00	
Manuel Prada . . .	54 00	
Mary Murphy . . .	24 00	
Leander W. Groce . .	48 00	
Total		$606 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid Robert L. Curtis . .	$144 00	
Warren Newcomb . .	136 00	
Willie F. Thayer . .	96 00	
		$376 00
Amount to be reimbursed by the State . . .		188 00
Net total . . .		$188 00

STREET SPRINKLING AND EQUIPMENT.

Paid George F. Higgins, repairs on wagons, etc. . .	$35 00
Smith & Thayer Co., tanks .	98 25
Henry E. Brennock, labor .	35 75
F. E. Whitney, supplies and repairs	3 15
Bates & Lincoln, pump house, Beechwood street . .	200 95
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight on wagons . .	9 60
J. L. & H. K. Potter, two sprinkling wagons . .	650 00
Cohasset Water Co., adjusting Border street pump .	6 00
Cohasset Water Co., setting up Beechwood street pump, etc.	88 09
Gould Manufacturing Co., Beechwood street pump .	104 00
Cohasset Water Co., two stand pipes . . .	92 65
William Lee, labor . .	2 00

Paid Cohasset Electric Co., piping for tanks, etc. . . .	$100 86
Smith & Thayer Co., valves, etc., Beechwood street pump	11 47
Hingham Water Co., water and stand pipes . .	148 00
American Tool & Machine Co., engine, etc., Beechwood street . . .	180 67
Daniel N. Tower, superintending setting stand pipes .	10 00
Daniel N. Tower, superintending setting up engine, Beechwood st. . .	30 00
Estate A. C. Bates, sundries for Beechwood pump .	1 85
Charles E. Nott, carting engine, pump, etc. . .	4 00
Estate Alden Beal, second hand sprinkling wagon .	175 00
John Roche, labor on tanks, North Main street . .	34 50
Herbert L. Brown, sundries for Beechwood street pump	3 71
Bay State Belting Co., Beechwood street pump . .	15 12
Bates & Lincoln, grading, Beechwood street pump .	17 00
Coffin Valve Co., repairs on Border street pump . .	20 25
Joseph Jason, sprinkling streets as per contract .	390 00
George W. Groce, sprinkling streets as per contract .	475 00

Paid Bates & Lincoln, sprinkling streets as per contract .	450 00	
Harry F. Tilden, sprinkling streets as per contract .	800 00	
Harry F. Tilden, use of sprinkling wagon . .	40 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., gasolene, etc.	123 81	
Joseph A. Valine, care of Border street pump . .	25 00	
Joseph Jason, storing wagon	6 00	
Joseph E. Grassie, rent for tank location, 3 years .	45 00	
Total		$4,432 68

CATTLE INSPECTION.

Paid Darius W. Gilbert, V. S., inspector .		$100 00

HYDRANT SERVICE.

Paid Cohasset Water Co., water, etc.	$2,550 00	
Cohasset Water Co., changing hydrant, Margin street	16 53	
Hingham Water Co., water, etc.	150 00	
Hingham Water Co., setting two new hydrants . .	118 68	
Total		$2,835 21

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid orders of the Fire Engineers . .		$485 89

TOWN HALL.

Paid Cohasset Electric Co., lights	$326 35	
William T. Tilden, janitor .	450 00	
Sargent, Conant & Co., electric wiring, etc. . .	34 60	
Norwich Fire Insurance Society, insurance . .	56 25	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	121 77	
Charles V. Barnes, carpentering, repairs, etc. . .	27 50	
William T. Tilden, carpentering, repairs, etc. .	34 75	
William T. Tilden, supplies	4 86	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal and wood	102 15	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber,	13 61	
Tower Bros. & Co., paints, etc.	191 42	
Harry W. Lincoln, setting glass	3 95	
Harry W. Lincoln and others, painting . . .	312 50	
Edgar J. Pratt, repairs on roof, gutters, etc. . .	45 20	
Henry L. Willard, Jr., teaming	1 00	
Charles W. Hall, slating repairs	7 10	
Est. A. C. Bates, sundries .	40 20	
Total		$1,773 21

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Philander Bates, services and expenses, Selectman .	$184 90	

Paid Philander Bates, services and expenses, Assessor . .	$226 50
Philander Bates, services and expenses on Corporation and Bank Taxes . .	10 88
Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses, Selectman .	161 25
Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses, Assessor .	217 00
Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses on Corporation and Bank Taxes .	40 00
Herbert A. Tilden, services and expenses, Selectman .	160 00
Herbert A. Tilden, services and expenses, Assessor .	220 00
Herbert A. Tilden, services and expenses on Corporation and Bank Taxes .	10 00
Abraham H. Tower, Treasurer and Collector . .	600 00
Harry F. Tilden, Town Clerk	75 00
Harry F. Tilden, Registrar of Voters	23 00
Caleb F. Nichols, Registrar of Voters . . .	23 00
John L. Pratt, Registrar of Voters	23 00
Cornelius O'Keef, Registrar of Voters . . .	23 00
John M. Damon, Election Officer	3 50
John Roche, Election Officer	3 50
George Jason, Election Officer	3 50

Paid John Roche, services as Constable	$55 00	
Edward E. Wentworth, services as Constable . .	74 05	
Thomas Mannix, services as Constable . . .	59 00	
A. Bradford Litchfield, services as Constable, 1901 .	117 00	
A. Bradford Litchfield, services as Constable, . .	49 00	
Sidney L. Beal, services as Constable . . .	38 00	
Paul J. Bates, Sealer of Weights and Measures .	50 00	
Joseph Jason, Jr., services as Harbor Master . .	25 00	
Wentworth J. Earle, services as Auditor . . .	25 00	
Total		$2,500 08

NIGHT POLICE.

Paid Thomas Mannix . .	730 00	
J. William Edwards . .	180 00	
John J. Grassie . .	550 00	
Sidney L. Beal . . .	384 00	
Manuel P. Valine . .	398 00	
Frank Jason . . .	368 00	
Total		$2,610 00

SPECIAL POLICE.

Paid Sidney L. Beal, Sunday duty	$40 00	
William J. Brennock, Sunday duty	52 00	

Paid William J. Brennock . .	$71 00	
M. William Silvia . .	125 00	
Total		$288 00

STATE TAX.

Paid State Treasurer, tax . .	$2,910 00	
State Treasurer, Metropolitan Park tax . . .	472 76	
State Treasurer, Highway tax	33 50	
State Treasurer, Metropolitan Park tax, 1900 . .	327 65	
State Treasurer, Metropolitan Park tax, 1901 . .	412 65	
Total		$4,156 56

COUNTY TAX.

Paid County Treasurer, tax .		$3,892 69

PRINTING.

Paid Weymouth Gazette, printing 1901 reports . . .	$199 30	
Weymouth Gazette, warrants and notices . . .	23 50	
Cotton & Gould, tax bills, stationery, etc. . .	22 51	
H. M. Dolbeare, Assessors' blanks	2 00	
P. M. Leavitt, printing list poll taxpayers . . .	11 53	
Souther Bros., printing list of voters	33 00	
Boundbrook Press, printing circulars, etc. . .	7 40	
Total		$299 24

HENRY BRYANT POST 98, G. A. R.

Paid William F. Thayer, Quartermaster		$100 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Cohasset Electric Co. .		$5,230 00

HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS.

Paid Philander Bates, Superintendent of streets . .		$9,775 00
For itemized account, see Superintendent's report page 81.		

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Philander Bates, Superintendent of streets . .		$1,051 90
For itemized account, see Superintendent's report page 81.		

SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Paid Treasurer of School Committee, town's appropriation	$15,000 00	
Treasurer of School Committee, dog license money .	245 40	
Treasurer of School Committee, interest of Ripley Fund	40 40	
Treasurer of School Committee, special appropriation .	200 00	
Total		$15,485 80

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Warren F. Snow, metallic caskets	$40 00	
Warren F. Snow, disinfecting	78 00	
J. L. & H. K. Potter, odorless excavator . .	423 00	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight	4 80	
George Jason, burying fish and dog	4 50	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., services and expenses . .	19 50	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., disinfecting apparatus . .	8 00	
Cohasset Sentinel, advertising notice	40 00	
Melvin & Badger, sol. formaldehyde	17 70	
Harry F. Tilden, carriage hire	2 50	
Manuel Sousa, cleaning ditch, etc.	19 50	
Manuel L. Botailyo, cleaning pond	16 50	
J. L. & H. K. Potter, hose for excavator . . .	22 25	
Sidney L. Beal, burying dog	1 00	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., paid expressage on culture tubes	4 50	
Philander Bates, services .	20 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, services	20 00	
Herbert A. Tilden, services	20 00	
Total		$761 75

TREE WARDEN.

Paid Henry L. McMahon, Tree Warden		$263 30
The Report of the Tree Warden may be found on page 98.		

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Paid A. H. Tower, Treasurer Cohasset Free Public Library	$1,000 00	
The Report of above Treasurer may be found on page 97.		
Mabel Deland Lord, Treasurer Nantasket Public Library	100 00	
Total		$1,100 00

LEGAL COUNSEL.

Paid M. F. Dickinson, services in 1895	$443 81	
Tower, Talbot & Hiler, services and costs . .	169 97	
Total		$613 78

SPECIAL PAYMENTS.

Paid J. Henry Brooks, Trustee, and others, amount deposited with Town of Cohasset awaiting decision of court; Town of Milton against J. Henry Brooks and others,

being the amount of tax assessed in Cohasset in 1900, with interest . . .	$5,200 40	
Commonwealth, amount of Corporation and Bank taxes, in Henry M. Whitney case, 1899, as per decision of Board of Appeals	6,722 06	
Total		$11,922 46

BALL FIELD.

Paid Manuel L. Botailyo, labor .	$59 00	
Daniel DeMello, labor . .	65 00	
Manuel Souza, labor . .	53 00	
William Lee, labor . .	64 00	
Thomas J. Mannix, labor .	24 50	
Levi E. Tower, labor . .	66 00	
Andrew H. Prouty, labor .	88 00	
John Kennedy, labor . .	21 35	
Manuel Sylvia, labor . .	69 00	
Harry W. Burbank, labor .	45 00	
Manuel S. Leonard, team .	59 25	
Thomas Loney, team . .	8 75	
George Jason, team . .	75 00	
H. L. Willard, Jr., team .	29 25	
Gross & Nichols, rendrock .	18 60	
William Hedge, examination of land title . . .	75 88	
Total		$821 58

ABATEMENTS.

Paid abatements on taxes of 1895	$73 60	
" " " 1896	70 40	

Paid abatement on taxes of 1897	$69 00	
" " " 1898	40 10	
" " " 1899	2,389 93	
" " " 1901	2 23	
" " " 1902	1,503 07	
Total		$4,148 33

COMMONS AND SCHOOLHOUSE LOT.

Paid Benjamin F. Morse, labor and team, mowing . .	$60 50	
Thomas Mulcahy, labor .	37 00	
Andrew H. Prouty, labor .	4 00	
Charles E. Tyrer, labor .	8 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., expense on mower, etc. . .	6 00	
Edward L. Brickett, repairing mower	4 00	
Total		$119 50

STRAITS POND.

Paid Fore River Ship and Engine Co., castings for gate .	$21 16	
Henry E. Brennock, labor .	6 25	
Antoine E. Salvador, labor	6 37	
J. William Edwards, labor .	2 50	
Foley Bros., repairs on gate and fence, 1901 and 1902	21 82	
Tower Bros. & Co., cement	24 15	
George W. Groce, teaming .	7 50	
H. L. Willard, Jr., team .	10 50	
Alfred Beal, care of gate .	80 00	
Total		$180 25

GATE AND DAM AT MILL BRIDGE.

Paid William W. Bates, stone .	$172 10	
Tower Bros. & Co., cement, etc.	118 90	
George F. Higgins, iron work	70 56	
Henry E. Brennock, labor .	114 45	
Antoine E. Salvador, labor	78 00	
Frank J. Salvador, labor .	48 00	
Joseph D. Hutchinson, labor	52 50	
George M. Ennice, labor .	66 88	
Manuel L. Botailyo, labor	50 37	
Herbert A. Tilden, broken stone	10 85	
Cornelius Callahan Co., boots	8 00	
Harry F. Tilden, teaming .	2 50	
H. L. Willard, Jr., teaming	6 50	
Charles E. Nott, moving derrick	6 00	
Catherine R. Brennock, bags	5 00	
Danforth P. Sylvester, bags	2 60	
C. Edward Fox, repairing boat	3 00	
John Beale, use of derrick .	38 00	
Total		$854 21

ENFORCEMENT OF THE LIQUOR LAW

Paid M. William Silvia, services and expenses	$282 55
John Roche, services and expenses	51 50
William H. Brown, counsel	50 00

Paid J. W. McAnarney, counsel .	$95 00	
H. L. Willard, Jr., carriage hire	62 30	
Harry F. Tilden, carriage hire	7 50	
Total		$548 85

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid M. William Sylvia, court fees	$28 57	
Sylvanus F. Treat, repairs on door	1 50	
George Young, care of Nichols road dam gate, 1901 and 1902	24 00	
Warren F. Snow, return of deaths, 1901 and 1902 .	14 00	
Wilder & Kimball, lumber .	2 36	
Cotton & Gould, binding book	3 50	
Harry F. Tilden, team for constables . . .	19 00	
Harry F. Tilden, paid expressing, etc. . . .	39 90	
Harry F. Tilden, barge for County Commissioners .	6 00	
Abby H. Souther, postage .	37 99	
Damrell & Upham, Standard Dictionary . . .	8 50	
Luther J. Bates, distributing reports	7 00	
George F. Higgins, iron work for signboards . . .	5 00	
George F. Higgins, iron work for Cove bridge gate .	7 75	

Paid B. Preston Clark, maps of White Head, etc. . .	$25 02
H. C. Dimond, rubber stamp	85
E. C. Hyland, labor on fish ways	4 00
Lucian Pitts, labor on fish ways	4 00
E. L. Burdakin, copy of real estate transfers . .	15 00
George W. Southworth, assessors' canvassing books .	4 58
Henry L. Willard, Jr., team for Assessors . . .	12 50
Henry L. Willard, Jr., team for Selectmen . . .	2 50
Henry L. Willard, Jr., team for Constables . . .	4 00
George F. Higgins, smithing	4 50
Joseph St. John, blankets, etc., lockup . . .	19 07
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., return of births . . .	3 00
A. Shuman & Co., suits for two officers . . .	57 00
Cohasset Water Co., setting fountain	45 31
Daniel N. Tower, superintending setting fountain .	10 00
Daniel N. Tower, freight paid	16 50
Tower Bros. & Co., sundry small charges . . .	7 18
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, etc., for lockup . .	28 44
Cousens & Pratt, sail cloth, etc.	3 50

Paid City of Quincy, use of lockup	$1 10
Sidney L. Beal, court fees	3 65
Henry B. Kimball, lunch for Commissioners, 1901 .	16 00
Henry B. Kimball, lunch for election officers . .	10 00
George L. Davenport, C. E., survey and plan Beach street, etc . . .	80 00
Ernest W. Bowditch, on account Pond street cemetery	85 50
Daniel DeMello, on account Pond street cemetery .	2 00
Harry W. Lincoln, reeving halyards, etc. . .	7 00
Horace W. Wadleigh, treasurer, on account fence ·	196 43
Charles C. Smith, lodging travellers . . .	3 00
Anna F. Merrick, meals, lockup	3 50
Herbert L. Brown, postage stamps	85
Herbert L. Brown, repairs town pump . . .	3 00
Pratt Bros., advertising street railway hearing . .	5 00
Fred. G. James, cleaning well, King street . .	10 00
Daniel N. Tower, C. E., survey and plan White Head	24 00
Henry E. Brennock, labor Cove bridge gate . .	7 00
Henry E. Brennock, services on insane case . .	4 50

Paid Samuel D. Tower, painting sign boards . . .	$10 00
Manuel Jason, lodging insane woman	3 00
H. E. Fernald, M. D., attendance insane case . .	9 00
John J. Grassie, services on insane case . . .	7 00
William J. Brennock, services on insane case .	9 00
William J. Brennock, labor at lockup . . .	10 00
Charles E. Nott, teaming, sundry accounts . .	28 39
L. Lincoln Worrick, post and labor	2 00
South Shore Syndicate, advertising . . .	4 00
Harry F. Tilden, recording, etc., births . . .	25 50
Harry F. Tilden, recording, etc., marriages . .	5 80
Harry F. Tilden. recording, etc., deaths . . .	10 40
Harry F. Tilden, 36 burial permits	5 40
Harry F. Tilden, 3 death certificates	75
Harry F. Tilden, administering 28 oaths . . .	7 00
Manuel S. Enos, care of lockup to March, 1902 . .	10 00
Nathaniel W. Treat, cleaning drain, etc., Sandy Cove .	12 75

Paid Nathaniel W. Treat, Jr., cleaning drain, etc., Sandy Cove	$4 00	
H. E. Fernald, M. D., return of births . . .	7 00	
Est. A. C. Bates, supplies for fountains . . .	1 34	
William T. Tilden, care of town clock . . .	30 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, etc., Cove bridge gates .	9 53	
Newcomb B. Tower, expressage and postage paid .	4 69	
Newcomb B. Tower, use of typewriter . . .	15 00	
Philander Bates, expressage paid	3 75	
Total		$1,169 85

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

December 31, 1902.

OSGOOD SCHOOLHOUSE DEPT ISSUE OF JAN. 1, 1901.

Cohasset Savings Bank, due 1903 . .	$1,375 00
" " " " 1904 . .	1,375 00
" " " " 1905 . .	1,375 00
" " " " 1906 . .	1,375 00
" " " " 1907 . .	1,375 00
" " " " 1908 . .	1,375 00
" " " " 1909 . .	1,375 00
" " " " 1910 . .	1,375 00
	$11,000 00

DEMAND LOAN.

Cohasset Savings Bank, 3 notes of 1896 .	$12,000 00
" " " 2 " 1897 .	10,000 00
" " " Bal. Bridge Note of 1897	1,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, 3 notes of 1898 .	10,000 00
" " " 2 " 1902 .	10,000 00
	$43,000 00

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

1 time note due Dec. 1, 1903 . . .	$3,400 00
Total interest bearing debt . .	$57,400 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

December 31, 1902.

Due from Commonwealth for State and Military Aid	$794 00
Commonwealth, assistance rendered poor	53 00
City of Boston, assistance rendered poor	26 02
City of Cambridge, assistance rendered poor	78 24
City of Brockton, assistance rendered poor	8 00
Town of Scituate	96 00
Charles H. Willard, assistance rendered son	912 29
Julia A. Glynn, assistance rendered	472 20

Due from Frank E. Salvador . . .	$40 00
Pumping Plant, Border street .	850 00
Pumping Plant, Beechwood street .	500 00
Four sprinkling wagons . .	950 00
Odorless excavator . . .	400 00
Steam roller and building . .	$2,250 00
Two water tanks, North Main street	150 00
Balance in treasury	7,518 99
	$15,098 74
Total debt of town	57,400 00
Deduct assets	15,098 74
Net debt	$42,301 26

ESTIMATES.

Amounts to be required for the current expenses of the Town during the year 1903. Estimated by the Selectmen.

For payment of debt	$4,775 00
payment of interest	3,000 00
support of schools	16,100 00
support and relief of poor . . .	6,500 00
highways and sidewalks . . .	9,000 00
electric lights	5,400 00
water for hydrants, etc. . . .	3,175 00
watering streets	2,500 00
soldiers' and sailors' relief . . .	550 00
town officers	2,500 00
night police	2,600 00
special police	250 00
fire department	800 00
removing snow	1,000 00

For public libraries	$1,100 00
memorial day	100 00
printing	300 00
military aid	200 00
inspection of cattle	100 00
town hall	1,300 00
board of health	200 00
tree warden	300 00
incidentals	1,200 00
iron bridge	1,000 00
recreation field	2,000 00
town commons	200 00
Straits pond	150 00
	$66,300 00

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Valuation of real estate, May 1, 1901	$3,109,080 00
Valuation of personal estate, May 1, 1901	2,792,746 00
Total valuation, May 1, 1901	$5,901,826 00
Valuation of real estate, May 1, 1902	$3,240,889 00
Valuation of personal estate, May 1, 1902	3,083,746 00
Total valuation, May 1, 1902	$6,324,635 00
Increase of real estate, May 1, 1902	$131,809 00
Increase of personal estate, May 1, 1902	291,000 00
Total increase in valuation, May 1, 1902	422,809 00
Number of polls, May 1, 1902	629
Additional polls to November 1, 1902	

State tax, 1902	$2,910 00
Metropolitan Park Tax, 1902 . .	472 76
State highway tax, 1902 . . .	33 50
County tax, 1902	3,892 69
Town grant, 1902	57,200 00
Overlayings, 1902	627 79
Total tax assessed, 1902 .	$65,136 74
Tax rate per $1,000, 1902 . .	$10 10
Number of persons assessed, 1902 .	1,116
Number of persons assessed on property May 1, 1902 . . .	850
Number of persons assessed poll tax only	266
Population, June 1, 1900, U. S. Census	2,759
Number of dwellings assessed, 1902	666
Number of horses assessed, 1902 .	461
Number of cows assessed, 1902 .	244
Number of neat cattle assessed, 1902	60
Number of swine assessed, 1902 .	27
Number of fowl assessed, 1902 .	1,970
Number of sheep assessed, 1902 .	0
Number of automobiles assessed, 1902	1

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN

During the year 1902.

February, James O. McCormack, Supreme Judicial Court.
March, Daniel N. Tower, Grand Juror.
April, Thomas F. Kinsley, Superior Court.
September, George W. Kimball, Superior Court.
November, George A. Stewart, Superior Court.
December, Benjamin F. Morse, Superior Court.

LIST OF JURORS

Submitted to the town by the Selectmen for its acceptance or revision at the annual Town Meeting to be held in March, 1903.

William C. Appleton,
Walter D. Brooks,
William W. Bates,
Edgar W. Bates,
Edwin Bates,
Franklin Beal,
Augustus S. Burgess,
Joseph S. Bigelow, Jr.,
Fred C. Blossom,
Charles T. Bourne,
James E. Brennock,
George W. Collier,
Willard J. Coombs,
Harold B. Cousens,
Sanford L. Damon,
Thomas W. Doyle,
Charles J. Enos,
John Flemming,
William Faxon, Jr.,
Brooks Frothingham,
John E. Frates,
Joseph E. Grassie,
John J. Grassie,
George W. Groce,
Charles W. Gammons,
Darius W. Gilbert,
Alban D. Gillis,
Herbert R. Gott,
Charles H. Hackett,
Arthur O. Higgins,
Benjamin D. Hyde,
Frank Jason,
John T. Keating,
Henry B. Kimball,
Frederick L. Lincoln,
Caleb Lothrop,
James J. McElroy,
Henry L. McMahon,
Thomas Mannix,
Henry R. Nickerson,
Caleb Nichols,
Cornelius O'Keefe,
John J. A. Pratt,
Fred L. Reed,
Ephraim Snow, Jr.,
William R. Sears,
Willie F. Thayer,
William S. Valine,
Frank W. Wheelwright,
Frank E. Winslow.

REPORT OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

For the Year Ending December 31, 1992.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1902.

The amount of expenditure at the Almshouse is largely increased in consequence of needed repairs, to which our attention has been called by the State Board of Charities, and in addition to repairs, the buildings have been painted and at present are in good condition, though not up to State Board requirements as to arrangement of rooms, but are as good as can be in the present house. The expense for outside poor is large while we do the best we can to keep it down. The families assisted are worthy, and as far as we know do what they can to help themselves and possibly we sometimes err in our judgment of their need, but we prefer the error should be on that side. The following is an account of expenditures.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT. DEBIT.

Paid George W. Tinkham, superintendent . . .	$650 00
Arthur H. Thayer, meats .	76 44
Harry F. Tilden, grain .	206 24
Harry F. Tilden, team for Overseers . . .	20 00
George F. Higgins, smithing	31 00
Joseph St. John, groceries, etc.	239 14
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	24 05

Paid Gross & Nichols, groceries, etc.	$124 21
Philander Bates, boots, shoes, etc. . . .	31 23
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	6 75
Massachusetts Ploughman .	2 00
Henry R. Nickerson, vegetables	2 49
John Clark, plants . .	5 60
Estate Frances H. Nichols, dry goods . . .	79 94
Danforth P. Sylvester, fish, fruit, etc. . . .	57 55
Cohasset Supply Co. . .	116 35
Frank W. Brown, medicine .	34 00
Frank E. Winslow, meats, etc.	270 89
George R. Nickerson, meats	101 35
Estate A. C. Bates, tinware, etc.	58 93
Souther Bros., daily paper .	6 00
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., professional services . .	2 00
Tower Bros. & Co., paints, lumber, etc. . . .	448 20
John J. A. Pratt, carpentering	105 37
Evan J. Evans, stone work	31 50
Herbert C. Bates, carpentering	46 50
L. Lincoln Worrick, labor .	4 50
John Regan, labor . .	7 50
Joseph W. Almeida, painting	27 50
Daniel P. Arnold, painting	28 75
George F. Sargent, Jr., painting	26 25

Paid Herbert C. Bates, painting .	$39 75
Willard J. Coombs, painting	36 00
Raymond Syndicate, clothing	13 50
B. W. Rich, hats . .	3 60
Houghton & Dutton, sundries	6 11
William H. Bates, Jr., baby carriage . . .	5 00
William O. Souther, turkies	3 00
Arthur Merritt, repairing saws	3 75
James Scott, labor . .	10 75
Benjamin Andrews, grain .	38 77
Russell B. Murray, 3 pigs .	15 00
Russell B. Murray, for balance account . . .	4 50
Pitts, Kimball & Co., coats	7 47
John Regan, labor on cesspools	17 00
E. P. Wentworth, D. M. D.	2 00
Harry W. Marden, pastry .	12 27
George F. Hayden, shoes .	2 15
Frank W. Wheelwright, labor	15 00
Daniel H. Vining, shoes, etc.	4 45
Miss Louise Henderson, dress making	1 25
N. Y. & B. Despatch Co., expressing . . .	1 35
Litchfield's Express, expressing . . .	4 00
Josiah Sprague, painting democrat . . .	10 00
Howard White, horse collar	3 50
John J. Pratt, oysters .	4 45
Harry H. White, cutting wood	2 00

Paid Otis C. Bishop, repairing saws	$2 75	
John J. A. Pratt, carpentering	2 50	
Henry Cushing, repairing harness	2 10	
T. D. Tirrell, 2 cows, etc. .	50 00	
Cyrus W. Bates, beach right	5 00	
Thomas W. Whitcomb, dressing two hogs . . .	3 00	
Continental Clothing House, clothing	13 50	
Charles Joseph, cutting wood	32 75	
Arthur S. Bates, painting and papering . . .	27 62	
Lincoln Mill Co., oats .	1 26	
Miss F. G. Vining, Cohasset Sentinel . . .	4 00	
L. Lincoln Worrick, shingles	4 50	
C. W. Learned, disinfectants	7 75	
M. G. Seaverns & Co., goods	6 07	
Israel N. Small, graining .	2 00	
Thomas Stanley, caning chairs	3 45	
John J. A. Pratt, jobbing .	4 75	
Expenses of Supt. to Dedham	11 40	
Sundry small bills . .	17 42	
Cash paid inmates . .	14 65	
Philander Bates, services, Overseer, inside . .	30 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, services, Overseer, inside . .	27 50	
Herbert A. Tilden, services, Overseer, inside . .	20 00	
Total, Almshouse debit		$3,432 82

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT. CREDIT.

Received of Samuel Waller, eggs	$22 88
Howard White, cow . .	25 00
Cash, cow	18 00
L. Lincoln Worrick, teaming	7 00
Gross & Nichols, eggs .	29 37
Superintendent of Streets, teaming	97 50
George K. Nickerson, calf .	9 00
Thomas Loney, cow . .	25 00
Arthur H. Thayer, cow .	25 00
Frank E. Winslow, exchange of cows	30 00
Mrs. John Burbank, wood .	36 00
John Roche, milk . .	2 52
E. Lincoln Worrick, milk .	15 80
George M. Ennice, wood .	4 50
George O. Higgins, cedar posts	2 00
L. Lincoln Worrick, pasturage	7 00
Mrs. Margaret O'Keefe, pasturage	6 00
Joseph E. Butman, pasturage	6 00
Russell B. Murray, pasturage	14 00
Jesse T. Barnes, pasturage .	8 00
Henry B. Kimball, pasturage	6 00
John W. Bates, pasturage .	6 00
Frank E. Winslow, pasturage	8 00
Frank E. Winslow, cow and hens	50 00
Abraham H. Tower, trustee, for board of John J. Lothrop	130 78

Received Board of 409 tramps .	$163 60	
Total credits inside poor		$754 95
Almshouse debit brought forward	$3,432 82	
Almshouse credit brought forward	754 95	
Almshouse debit, net . .		$2,677 87

The following persons have been inmates of the almshouse during the full year 1902:

Michael Sweeney,
William C. Hayden,
John E. Groce,
Hester A. Harris, minor,
John J. Lothrop, boarder,
Lillian F. Litchfield,
Ralph P. Litchfield, minor,
Edgar Harris.

John R. Colbraith, an inmate, has been such during a portion only of the year.

NUMBER OF TRAMPS LODGED.

Tramps have been lodged during the year 1902 as follows:

January,	63	May,	32	September,	10
February,	52	June,	26	October,	18
March,	61	July,	8	November,	36
April,	56	August,	13	December,	34
Total					409

ASSISTANCE RENDERED OUTSIDE THE ALMSHOUSE, 1902.

Ephraim Battles and wife.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$287 00
Mrs. Maggie Thompson, nursing	29 00
Mrs. Abbie Bryant, nursing	79 00
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	18 60

Paid Lincoln Bros., coal . .	$10 87	
Robert L. Curtis, night nurse	68 00	
Charles E. Tyrer, day nurse	22 00	
Benjamin F. Morse, day nurse	9 00	
Warren F. Snow, undertaker	38 00	
Harry F. Tilden, carriages .	10 00	
Abigail Souther, assistant .	8 00	
		$579 47

Mrs. William Dean and four children.

Paid cash remitted . . .		$40 00

George J. Damon.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		$96 00

Southward Pratt.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$130 00	
Philander Bates, boots and repairing . . .	3 30	
		$133 30

John Sylvia, wife and child.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$156 00	
Warren F. Snow, undertaker	40 00	
Harry F. Tilden, carriage .	7 50	
Philander Bates, wood .	6 00	
		$209 50

Mrs. Julia E. Sylvia and three children.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		$131 00

Gertrude Carlson and daughter.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$72 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	1 95	
		$73 95

Mrs. Mary Roderick and three children.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		$240 00

Joseph F. Bandura, wife and four children.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$222 00	
Philander Bates, shoes, etc.	5 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	3 47	
		$230 47

Mrs. Louisa Burbank and daughter.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$35 00	
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	113 30	
Lot W. Bates, house rent .	48 00	
Almshouse, wood . .	36 00	
George F. Hayden, boots .	12 15	
Philander Bates, boots .	2 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	8 44	
Samuel E. Pratt, milk .	12 10	
George K. Nickerson, meat	30 72	
		$297 71

Catherine W. Ford for two children.

Paid order on Town Treasurer .	$ 8 00

Lena P. Anderson.

Paid City of Boston, Hospital bill	$106 00

Mary Anderson.

Paid City of Boston, Hospital bill	$169 00

Joseph E. Smith & Son.

Paid Lot W. Bates, house rent .	$48 00	
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	105 42	
Bates & Lincoln, wood .	6 00	
Charles H. Hackett, wood .	15 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	8 50	
		$182 92

William H. Litchfield and four children.

Paid Emeline A. Jacobs, house rent	$60 00	
Oscar L. Johnson, groceries	81 00	

Paid Lincoln Bros., coal and wood	$22 63	
Philander Bates, boots, etc.	9 90	
		$173 53

Manuel A. Sylvia and wife.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries		$78 24

Rose Andrews.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries		$26 02

Mrs. Joseph H. Wilson and four children.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$114 35	
Lot W. Bates, house rent .	66 00	
George A. Sylvia, groceries	29 66	
H. Edelstein, clothing .	5 00	
Elmer E. Bates, milk .	19 44	
Bates & Lincoln, wood .	22 50	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	8 50	
Philander Bates, boots, etc.	21 48	
Joseph St. John, clothing .	2 88	
George K. Nickerson, meats	40 69	
Arthur H. Thayer, meats, 1901	29 80	
		$360 30

Benjamin A. Litchfield.

Paid Westboro Insane Hospital .	$ 5 64	
Warren F. Snow, undertaker	48 00	
A. Bradford Litchfield, digging grave . . .	3 00	
		$56 64

Antoine Vargus, Jr., wife and two children.

Paid Aaron Pratt, house rent .	$72 00	
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	35 40	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	17 04	
Philander Bates, shoes .	2 00	
		$126 44

Joseph W. Almeida, wife and three children.

Paid Arthur H. Thayer, meats 1901.	$11 22	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	17 60	
		$28 82

Mrs. Michael Coyne and five children.

Paid Joseph St. John, groceries	$258 61	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	5 85	
Philander Bates, boots and repairing . . .	31 05	
Mrs. C. M. B. Tower, house rent	15 00	
		$310 51

Mrs. John J. Ainslie and daughter.

Paid Antoine J. Sylvia, agent, house rent . . .	$96 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal and wood	38 99	
Lincoln Bros., coal and wood	14 10	
Philander Bates, boots .	5 27	
		$154 36

Nathaniel R. Prouty.

Paid Philander Bates, boots .		$3 20

Louis J. Frates, wife and two children.

Paid William W. Bates, house rent	$25 50	
S. A. R. Pratt, E. Weymouth, house rent . . .	56 00	
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	55 42	
H. Edelstein, clothing .	5 00	
Orders on Town Treasurer .	39 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	25 12	
Philander Bates, boots .	3 00	

Paid Ira B. Pratt, moving to E. Weymouth . . .	$10 00	
A. J. Richards & Son, coal	13 25	
		$232 29

Henry L. Bates, wife and one child.

Paid town of Whitman, assistance, 1901	$104 00	
town of Whitman, assistance,	45 02	
Philander Bates, boots .	3 20	
		$152 22

Mrs. Mary Frates.

Paid Joseph D. Hutchinson, house rent	$5 60	
Thomas W. Whitcomb, house rent	21 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., groceries	24 11	
Tower Bros. & Co., cash per order	37 40	
		$88 11

Lewis G. Bates, wife and child.

Paid town of Rockland, assistance	$30 00	
F. McCarthy, house rent .	18 00	
Charles R. Conant, house rent	6 50	
Town of Hingham, assistance	42 50	
		$97 00

Mrs. Patrick Lyons.

Paid Lincoln Bros., coal . .		$15 00

Mrs. Bridget Donovan.

Paid City of Boston, assistance .		$11 25

William F. Harris.

Paid Warren F. Snow, undertaker, 1901 . . .		$10 00

George L. Litchfield.		
Paid Tower Bros. & Co., groceries		$5 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Hammond.		
Paid orders on Town Treasurer		$50 00
Oren A. Beal.		
Paid order on Town Treasurer .	$10 00	
County Store Co., groceries	94 61	
		$104 61
Peter Janello.		
Paid City of Quincy, hospital treatment	$33 00	
W. E. Brown, Quincy, undertaker	20 00	
		$53 00
Paid Charles B. Bridgham, Town Physician, salary . .		$250 00
Total, outside partial support		$4,883 86

OUTSIDE PARTIAL SUPPORT. CREDIT.

Amount due from the Commonwealth .	$53 00	
City of Boston .	26 02	
City of Cambridge	78 24	
City of Brockton	8 00	
Town of Scituate	96 00	
Total credit, outside partial support . . .		$261 26
Outside partial support, debit, brought forward . .	$4,883 86	
Outside partial support, credit, brought forward . .	261 26	
Net cost, outside partial support . . .		$4,622 60

FULL SUPPORT OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

1902.

Rose A. Burgess.	
Paid Medfield Insane Asylum .	$146 00
Elizabeth J. Dady.	
Paid Worcester Insane Asylum .	$169 45
Julia Macomber.	
Paid Worcester Insane Asylum .	$169 48
William Dean.	
Paid Taunton Insane Hospital .	$169 46
Lawrence E. Willard.	
Paid Taunton Insane Hospital .	$169 46
Julia A. Glynn.	
Paid Taunton Insane Hospital .	$169 46
Total outside full support	$993 31

OUTSIDE FULL SUPPORT, CREDIT.

Amount due from Charles H. Willard	$169 46	
Julia A. Glynn . . .	169 46	
Total credit, outside full support . . .		$338 92
Outside full support, debit brought forward	$993 31	
Outside full support, credit brought forward	338 92	
Net cost outside full support		$654 39

SERVICES AND EXPENSES OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, OUTSIDE.

Paid Philander Bates, services and expenses . . .	$66 10	
Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses . . .	48 00	
Herbert A. Tilden, services and expenses . . .	30 00	
H. L. Willard, Jr., team for Overseers . . .	8 65	
Total		$152 75

SUMMARY. SUPPORT AND RELIEF OF POOR.

Full support in Almshouse, net .	$2,677 87	
Full support in Hospitals, net .	654 39	
Partial support, outside . .	4,622 60	
Services and expenses, Overseers, outside	152 75	
		$8,107 61

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
HERBERT A. TILDEN.
Overseers of the Poor.

Cohasset, Dec. 31, 1902.

RECAPITULATION, 1902,

ITEMS.	Orders Drawn.	Credits.	Net Expenditures.	Appropriations.	With No Appropriation.	Excess of Appropriation.	Less Than Appropriation.
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	$546 90		$ 546 90	$ 600 00			$ 53 10
State Aid	606 00	$ 606 00					
Military Aid	376 00	188 00	188 00	200 00			12 00
Street Sprinkling and Equipment	4,432 68	542 10	3,890 58	3,500 00		$ 390 58	
Cattle Inspection	100 00		100 00	100 00			
Hydrant Service	2,835 21		2,835 21	2,750 00		85 21	
Fire Department	485 89		485 89	1,200 00			714 11
Town Hall	1,773 21	492 00	1,281 21	1,500 00			218 79
Town Officers	2,500 08		2,500 08	2,500 00		08	
Night Police	2,610 00		2,610 00	2,500 00		110 00	
Special Police	288 00		288 00	200 00		88 00	
State Tax	4,156 56		4,156 56	4,156 56			
County Tax	3,892 69		3,892 69	3,892 69			
Printing	299 24		299 24	300 00			76
Henry Bryant Post 98, G. A. R.	100 00		100 00	100 00			
Street Lights	5,230 00	100 38	5,129 62	5,400 00			270 38
Highways and Sidewalks	9,775 00	366 00	9 409 00	9,500 00			91 00
Removing Snow	1,051 90		1,051 90	500 00		551 90	
Support of Public Schools	15,485 80	285 80	15,200 00	15,200 00			
Board of Health	761 75		761 75	500 00		261 75	
Tree Warden	263 30		263 30	300 00			36 70
Public Libraries	1,100 00		1,100 00	1,100 00			
Legal Counsel	613 78		613 78		613 78		

RECAPITULATION. — *Continued.*

ITEMS.	Orders Drawn.	Credits.	Net Expenditures.	Appropriations.	With no Appropriations.	Excess of Appropriation.	Less Than Appropriation.
Special Payments	11,922 46		11,922 46		11,922 46		
Ball Field	821 58		821 58	500 00		321 58	
Abatements	4,148 33		4,148 33		4,148 33		
Commons and Schoolhouse Lot	119 50		119 50	200 00			80 50
Strait's Pond	180 25		180 25	150 00		30 25	
Gate and Dam at Mill Bridge	854 21	2 50	851 71		851 71		
Enforcement of the Liquor Law	548 85	63 09	485 76	500 00			14 24
Miscellaneous	1,169 85		1,169 85	1,200 00			30 15
Support and Relief of Poor	9,462 74	1,355 13	8,107 61	6,500 00		1,607 61	
Totals	$88,511 76	$4,001 00	$84,510 76	$65,049 25	$17,536 28	$3,446 96	$1,521 73

PHILANDER BATES,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
HERBERT A. TILDEN,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

Cohasset, December 31, 1902.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Board of Selectmen: —

GENTLEMEN: — During the year ending Dec. 31, 1902, the work of repairing and improving the streets and sidewalks of the town has been carried on much as in former years, with the usual amount of expenditures for permanent improvement. From the east side of the lot on which stands the Pope Memorial Church a new sidewalk was built with stone curbing to the junction of Hull street. The hill near Mr. Spaulding's residence has been greatly improved by blasting at the top and filling at the bottom, making the grade easier. The road near Mr. Dean's residence on Atlantic avenue has been widened and grade raised.

Beach street, near residence of Mr. Bailey, has been widened by blasting the ledge on the north side. South Main street, at junction of Spring and Summer streets, has been put in good condition. The hill at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library has been lowered and the grade as good as any built by the Highway Commission, who have also rebuilt the section of South Main street from L. T. Cushing's residence to that of W. P. Veale. The balance to Scituate line it is hoped will be completed in the spring. The corner of King and Beechwood streets, for which a special appropriation was made, has been blasted where needed and most of the rocks buried in the road. This work was not fully completed.

Especial attention has been given to picking up the loose

stones. Those having immediate charge of a section of road have been instructed to do it whenever needed. The roads the last season have been watered more extensively than formerly, and this has helped to keep them in good condition. As the appropriation for 1902 has been exceeded, or rather accounts are still unsettled, I would recommend the sum of $9,000 for the ensuing year, and with what I hope the State Highway Commission will do, the main street from Scituate to the Hingham line should be put in first-class condition. The work of removing snow from the streets and sidewalks for the year has exceeded the appropriation, so there will be needed to meet this expense the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000).

The following is a list of payments for labor, teaming, crushed stone, gravel and stone curbing:

Appropriation for highways and sidewalks .	$9,000 00
" " King street corner . .	500 00
Received of Town of Hingham, for steam roller	169 00
" M. J. O'Hearn, " " " .	143 00
" John Beal, for man and " " .	54 00
" W. N. Fisher, cont. for sidewalk	100 00
	$9,966 00

Paid Philander Bates, Superintendent, 1901 . . .	$116 84
Stephen Reilly, labor, 1901	225 00
Manuel R. Silva, labor, 1901	175 88
Cyrus W. Bates, team .	120 00
Oliver H. Bates, team .	37 50
Charles E. Nott, team .	142 23
Tilden Carriage Co., smithing	67 06
Antoine E. Salvedor, labor	107 30
Harry F. Tilden, team .	37 85
Philander Bates, Superintendent	700 00

Paid	George Jason, team . .	$116 20
	William W. Bates, stone, gravel and team . .	737 61
	John Kennedy, labor .	52 00
	Manuel Botailyo, labor .	106 50
	Frank M. Nichols, smithing	93 26
	John Flemming, labor .	52 00
	Elmer E. Bates, team .	38 28
	Harry W. Burbank, labor .	65 00
	George E. Antoine, labor .	28 00
	Herbert A. Tilden, broken stone and gravel . .	1,484 77
	Benjamin F. Morse, team .	406 50
	Joseph Frates, labor . .	77 50
	Sidney L. Beal, labor .	57 50
	Fred C. James, labor .	413 00
	Manuel Oliver, labor . .	44 00
	Thomas A. Stevens, team .	85 00
	Daniel F. O'Brien, labor .	52 00
	Joseph Jason, team . .	95 00
	Joseph F. Priest, labor .	127 19
	Lorenzo Beal, labor . .	127 38
	Charles E. Tyrer, labor .	96 00
	Manuel S. Leonard, team .	231 80
	George W. Mealy, team .	90 00
	William Mulvey, team .	50 00
	Thomas Loney, team . .	1 50
	Thomas Reedy, labor . .	67 00
	Thomas Silva, labor . .	60 00
	John W. Bates, team . .	44 00
	Louis T. Cushing, team .	100 00
	Crucible Steel Co., steel .	31 65
	David W. Lewis, grading .	20 00
	Charles A. Claflin & Co., supplies	5 76

Paid Manuel R. Silva, labor	$175	00
Frank W. Wheelwright, team	200	00
Manuel P. Valine, labor	70	00
Stephen Reilly, labor	200	00
Thomas Mulcahy, labor	45	00
George M. Ennice, labor	98	02
Russell B. Murray, team	73	00
George W. Groce, team	96	25
John F. Murphy, labor	32	50
Frank Stoddard, team	91	50
Samuel V. Hardwick, labor	63	00
Ira N. Pratt, team	35	56
Thomas W. Whitcomb, team	31	00
Thomas Mathies, labor	20	00
Ira B. Pratt, labor	2	00
George F. Sargent, labor	57	57
Herbert L. Brown, labor	12	75
Robert L. Curtis, labor	10	00
Harry Wood, labor	10	00
George F. Higgins, smithing	15	04
Alson S. Richardson, labor	153	80
H. L. Willard, Jr., team	63	25
Orlando Curtis, labor	39	00
Horace J. Damon, labor	7	25
Lincoln Bros., coal	44	40
Joseph E. Crassie, team	61	45
Estate of Alden Beal, team	237	50
Edwin W. Bates, labor	5	50
Bates & Lincoln, team	12	00
Tower Bros. & Co., drain pipe, etc.	101	36
Charles W. Gammons, Trustee, teams and gravel	275	35
Gross & Nichols, rendrock	26	12
John Beale, broken stone	238	86

Paid James Dalton, labor . .	$14 00	
Cyrus R. Keene, labor .	5 00	
Waldo C. Locke, team .	46 02	
Benjamin A. Shaw, paving .	32 25	
Michael Donahue, smithing .	17 21	
Andrew H. Prouty, labor .	56 00	
Dennis Golding, gravel .	7 15	
Aaron Pratt, gravel . .	2 90	
Peter L. Battles, gravel .	11 00	
Susan P. S. Clapp, gravel .	14 75	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight	28 74	
John H. Wilbur, labor .	76 00	
Samuel L. Williams, labor .	76 00	
Evan J. Evans, labor . .	3 50	
William O. Souther, team .	5 00	
Almshouse, team . .	82 50	
Samuel E. Pratt, gravel .	7 75	
		$9,875 85

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Manuel R. Silva, labor .	$3 00
Joseph F. Silva, labor .	3 00
Frank J. Salvedor, labor .	3 50
Manuel P. Valine, labor .	3 00
Alfred Silva, labor . .	4 00
Lester Griffin, labor . .	6 00
James Mulcahy, labor . .	4 25
William Lee, labor . .	8 25
John T. Keating, labor .	7 25
Harry Donovan, labor . .	4 25
Joseph Sheridan, labor .	4 62
William Powers, labor .	9 00
William Tilden, labor . .	5 37
Evan J. Evans, labor . .	4 12

Paid	John M. Pearson, labor	$4 50
	John Reilly, labor	2 50
	Daniel F. O'Brien, labor	2 50
	Royal A. Bates, labor	8 63
	Bartholomew Daley, labor	1 75
	John Daley, labor	4 00
	Thomas McKensie, labor	2 00
	George P. Valine, labor	1 50
	Edward Reilly, labor	7 25
	William St. John, labor	4 50
	Andrew H. Prouty, labor	4 50
	Thomas Keating, labor	1 35
	John Dempsey, labor	2 25
	John E. Frances, labor	4 25
	Henry Brundren, labor	4 25
	Walter McGrath, labor	2 00
	Ambrose Francis, labor	3 25
	Ignatius Francis, labor	1 20
	Arthur Donovan, labor	2 40
	John Sydney, labor	2 40
	Alfred Antoine, labor	60
	Arthur Wood, labor	45
	Thomas Rich, labor	1 50
	James Rooney, labor	11 13
	Wesley Johnson, labor	4 25
	John Flemming, labor	4 00
	Irving L. Blossom, labor	2 00
	Fred C. Blossom, labor	4 00
	Frank D. Grassie, labor	4 12
	John E. Frates, labor	1 50
	Charles Silva, labor	2 12
	Andrew Peterson, labor	1 50
	Foster Cadose, labor	3 00
	John Silva, labor	1 50
	Antoine Silva, labor	50

Paid Thomas Grassie, labor	.	$3 25
Frank Doris, labor	. .	1 25
Joseph F. Bandura, labor	.	3 13
George E. Antoine, labor	.	1 00
Dennis Golden, labor	.	2 50
Richard Cadden, labor	.	4 00
Thomas L. Bates, labor	.	7 25
Thomas Curtis, labor	.	4 25
Benj. F. Morse, labor	.	4 25
Bertrand Morse, labor	.	2 00
George Morse, labor	. .	30
Patrick Donahue, labor	.	5 00
William O'Keefe, labor	.	4 25
John H. Wilbur, labor	.	4 25
Charles V. Barnes, labor	.	4 25
Thomas Reedy, labor	.	4 25
Daniel Sullivan, labor	. .	2 00
Daniel Sullivan, Jr., labor	.	4 25
Phillip Sullivan, labor	. .	1 25
John Bates, labor	. .	68
Kendall Bates, labor	. .	68
Gorham Bates, labor	. .	45
Clarence E. Wilbur, labor	.	4 25
Charles Welch, labor	. .	1 25
James Lean, labor	. .	1 75
Frank Lean, labor	. .	1 75
John Manuel, labor	. .	1 75
Alson Dyment, labor	. .	1 75
Walter Dyment, labor	.	1 75
Alson S. Richardson, labor	.	2 50
Paul O. Wade, labor	. .	1 75
Joseph W. Osborne, labor	.	1 38
Alfred West, labor	. .	1 75
Edward Morse, labor	. .	1 75
Sidney L. Beal, labor	. .	2 00

Paid John Oliver, labor	$7	12
Frank Jason, labor	20	25
Joseph J. Grassie, labor	4	00
Albert W. Morris, labor	5	50
William J. Brennock, labor	3	00
Frank F. Antoine, labor	2	25
Manuel Oliver, labor	3	00
John Hughes, labor	3	75
Louis J. Morris, labor	2	00
James Denithorn, labor	3	75
John Gillis, labor	3	75
Henry E. Brennock, labor	2	00
George P. Neagle, labor	1	50
Michael McCarty, labor	2	50
Joseph O'Brien, labor	1	00
Daniel Desmond, labor	2	25
Joseph A. Silva, labor	2	00
George Jason, Jr., labor	2	00
John Jason, labor	2	00
Frank Oliver, labor	1	20
Joseph Enos, labor		60
Walter Enos, labor	1	05
Arthur Enos, labor	1	05
Josie Jason, labor		60
Joseph Jason, team and labor	102	87
Joseph Caton, labor	1	00
Antoine Francis, labor	1	00
Asahel F. Nott	1	00
Thomas A. Stevens, labor		75
Waldo C. Locke, labor	2	00
Harry Reed, labor	4	00
Harry Wood, labor	4	00
L. L. Wheelwright, labor	4	00
Earnest Coles, labor	3	00
John F. Murphy, labor	4	00

Paid Oliver H. Bates, team and labor	$6	75
Frank W. Wheelwright, labor	2	25
John Wholly, labor	1	50
Ralph Litchfield, labor	2	50
Henry Seaverns, labor	2	50
William L. Pierce, labor	2	00
Thomas W. Doyle, labor	1	00
James Fuller, labor	2	75
J. Loring Litchfield, labor	2	50
Frank Stoddard, labor	7	25
George F. Sargent, labor	3	30
Andrew J. Arnold, labor		50
Charles Pratt, labor		50
John W. Bates, labor	5	63
Walter P. Bates, labor	11	88
Ellery C. Bates, labor		75
Ira N. Pratt, labor	3	00
Samuel V. Hardwick, labor		80
Antoine Vargus, labor	1	25
Oscar Vargus, labor	1	25
John Pratt, labor		50
William O. Souther, team and labor	66	75
Burleigh Bates, labor	4	00
Harry W. Burbank, labor	4	00
Arthur S. Bates, labor	3	75
Fred G. James, labor	4	00
Samuel G. James, labor	3	75
William H. Bates, Jr., labor	3	75
Samuel L. Williams, labor	4	00
Elmer Williams, labor	4	00
Henry Williams, labor	4	00
Frederick L. Lincoln, labor	2	00
James O. McCormack, labor	2	25

Paid	William Mulvey, labor	$2 50
	James Wilson, labor	3 00
	Joseph E. Grassie, labor	2 00
	Henry R. Nickerson, labor	2 00
	Laura Silva, labor	2 00
	Stanes Daddard, labor	2 00
	Elmer E. Bates, labor	1 63
	Samuel E. Pratt, team and labor	43 25
	Frank Sargent, labor	1 75
	Gustavus Bennet, labor	1 75
	Antoine Frarerar, labor	1 00
	John Bean, labor	1 00
	Herbert T. Apts, labor	45
	Antoine Gonsalves, labor	60
	Daniel Desmond, labor	3 87
	Frank Hamilton, labor	2 75
	James M. Sweeney, labor	1 25
	John H. Cook, labor	3 25
	William Ainslaie, labor	60
	Fred Fuller, labor	1 50
	Sylvester Nabes, labor	1 00
	Edwin Bates, labor	63
	Edwin W. Bates, labor	75
	John J. Pratt, labor	50
	Thomas Cameron, labor	1 38
	William Bean, labor	88
	S. Chester Pratt, labor	5 75
	Robert M. Whitman, labor	3 75
	Charles W. Hunter, labor	3 75
	Levi E. Tower, labor	4 12
	Joseph Jason, Jr., labor	8 50
	John J. Grassie, labor	11 75
	Charles E. Frates, labor	1 00
	Joseph Silva, labor	1 50

Paid John Kennedy, labor . .	$1 50		
Russell B. Murray, team .	27 75		
Geo. F. Higgins, snow plow	28 75		
Est. Alden Beal, team .	29 75		
Almshouse, team . . .	15 00		
L. L. Worrick, labor . .	6 25		
William White, labor . .	3 00		
Timothy S. Gale, labor .	2 00		
Patrick O'Keefe, labor .	2 00		
Lorenzo Beal, labor . .	1 38		
William W. Bates, labor .	1 88		
Harry F. Tilden, team and labor, ...	168 00		
Thomas Loney, labor . .	50		
H. R. Pratt, labor . .	3 00		
		$1,051	90

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES, *Supt.*

REPORT OF

THE TOWN TREASURER,

TOGETHER WITH

The Reports of the Librarian and Treasurer of the Free Public Library, Tree Warden, Board of Health, Board of Engineers, and Auditor.

Dr. TOWN OF COHASSET, in Account

1902—1903.

To paid Selectmen's orders for 1902 . . .	$59,510	90
Sailors and Soldiers Relief and Town aid .	546	90
State and Military aid	982	00
School appropriation for 1902 . . .	15,000	00
Additional customary items, School account	285	80
Assessors orders for abatement of taxes .	4,148	33
Massachusetts State and Park taxes, 1902	4,156	56
Norfolk County tax, 1902 . . .	3,892	69
State Treasurer, 1-4th of 6th class license .		25
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, note due 1902	3,400	00
Cohasset Savings Bank, Osgood Schoolhouse, 1902	3,000	00
Cohasset Savings Bank, account bridge note, 1897	1,000	00
Cohasset Savings Bank, demand note, 1901	4,000	00
Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money, 1902	21,000	00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hired money, 1902	30,000	00
Interest on Town's notes, 1902 . .	3,309	98
	$154,233	41
Balance in treasury carried forward to new acct. .	7,518	99
	$161,752	40

Memo.—In addition to the above named balance the Town Treasurer still holds the $2,000 received of St. Stephen's Parish in 1899, as previously reported.

Cohasset, January, 1903.

With ABRAHAM H. TOWER, Treasurer. Cr.

1902—1903.

By balance in Treasury from 1901 account . .	11,759 03
Corporation tax for 1901, additional . .	2,654 34
National Bank tax for 1901, additional . .	371 27
Corporation tax for 1902	14,117 03
National Bank tax for 1902	2,060 08
State and Military aid, for 1902 . . .	718 50
Norfolk County dog license money, 1901 .	245 40
City of Boston account	133 89
City of Cambridge account	90 23
Town of Hingham account and highway . .	209 50
Town of Hull account bound stone . . .	3 25
Wm. T. Tilden, janitor, income Town Hall .	342 00
James L. Beal, auctioneer's license, 1902 .	2 00
Aaron Pratt, auctioneer's license, 1902 . .	2 00
Joseph Jason, Jr., bowling alley license, 1902	2 00
Frank W. Browne, 6th class liquor license, 1902	1 00
Thomas W. Whitcomb, slaughter license, 1902	1 00
Peddlers' licenses	16 00
East Norfolk District Court, fines, fees, etc. .	63 09
Geo. W. Stewart, for Jerusalem school-house .	325 00
Cohasset Electric Co., allowance on lighting .	100 38
O. Harris, for use of steam roller . . .	143 00
John Beal, for use of steam roller and hay .	68 30
For watering cart use at Marshfield . .	5 00
Border Street plant, material transferred .	69 30
Sale of old material at Gulf Mill dam . .	2 50
Interest from delinquent taxes, $278.61; bank deposits, $93.11; Ripley fund, $40.40 .	412 12
A. H. Tower, trustee for board of J. J. Lothrop at Alms House	130 78
Alms House sales and work by team . .	429 57
Cohasset Free Public Library, fuel, light, etc.	150 00
Evening School appropriation 1901, balance unexpended	492 30
Contribution for street sprinkling, collected .	477 80
Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money, 1902 .	31,000 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hired money, 1902	30,000 00
Assessors Tax List for 1902	65,154 74
	$161,752 40

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, *Treasurer*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The library opened every library day with the exception of four holidays up to the 13th of December, when it was obliged to close on account of no fuel.

The number of books and magazines issued was 7,061, the largest delivery being on March 15, of 86, and the smallest on January 7, of 17.

Number of books added the past year: By donation, 89; by purchase, 230; by binding, 38; entire number, including pamphlets, in the library, 7,526.

Classification of reading the past year:

History and Biography	270
Travels and Geography	86
Literature and Poetry	62
Science and Art	50
Agriculture and Natural History	13
Religion and Philosophy	50
Fiction	5,663
Magazines	867
	7,061

Gifts of books and magazines have been received from Miss Bates, Major Wm. Arthur, G. Hutchinson Smythe, D.D., Mr. Thomas W. Lawson, Tabor Academy, Col. Thomas Lothrop Chapter, Woman's Journal, Christian Work, State and Government.

SARAH B. COLLIER, *Librarian.*

Cohasset, January, 1903.

Dr. COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY in account with A. H. TOWER, Treasurer. Cr.

1902 — 1903.		1902 — 1903.	
To paid bills for books	$387 90	By balance from 1901 account	$57 58
Magazines and periodicals	55 30	Reserved fund, 1901 account	150 00
Binding of books, etc.	46 95	Librarian, for fines, etc., balance	8 72
Scientific books by Marion Cheever fund	19 77	Ladies' Charitable Society, room rent	10 00
Sundry accounts, freight, etc.	14 15	Marion Cheever fund	30 00
Town, for heating, lighting, etc.	150 00	Town appropriation, 1902	1,000 00
Librarian's salary	350 00		
Reserved, catalogue money	200 00		
Balance carried forward	32 23		
	$1,256 30		$1,256 30

Cohasset, January, 1903.

A. H. TOWER, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREE WARDEN.

For Year Ending December 31, 1902.

During the past year I have done considerable pruning and trimming, and have planted a number of trees. I also did some spraying. I placed wire guards around several of the young trees, and owing to the dryness of the season I was obliged to do considerable watering to these trees. I would respectfully recommend and ask that the sum of three hundred dollars be raised and appropriated by the town at its annual meeting on March next.

The following is a list of amounts paid as per bills rendered:

Paid Est. Allen C. Bates	$4	75
James Dalton	6	00
Charles E. Nott	25	25
Harry E. Willard	7	75
Thomas Grey	21	75
N. Y. & Boston Despatch Ex.		95
John Kennedy	2	00
John Flemming	2	00
George Davenport	1	00
Andrew H. Prouty	6	00
Henry E. Brennock	2	50
Harry F. Tilden	1	75
George F. Higgins		50
Franklin Beal	2	00
Cyrus R. Keene	86	88
Tower Bros. & Co.	24	35
Samuel V. Hardwick	3	00

Paid Frank H. Pratt . . .	$3 00	
Frank Stoddard . .	15 00	
Henry L. McMahon . .	46 87	
	$263 30	
Balance unexpended, 1901 . . .		$17 35
Appropriation, 1902		300 00
		$317 35
Amount of orders, 1902		263 30
Balance unexpended		$54 05

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY L. McMAHON, *Tree Warden*

CONTAGIOUS CASES OF SICKNESS

REPORTED DURING THE YEAR 1902.

Returns of thirty-three cases of contagious diseases have been made to the Board of Health by the physicians of the town during the year 1902, of which two were diphtheria, twenty-three were scarlet fever, five were measles, and three were typhoid fever.

None of these cases proved fatal.

The list of expenditures by this Board may be found on page 48.

THE SELECTMEN,
as the Board of Health.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Superintendent of Streets, School Committee and Fire Engineers for the year 1902, with the result as follows, viz. :—

Town Treasurer's receipts, 1902—

Balance in Treasury from 1901 . . .	$11,759 03
Sundry items received per account . .	23,838 63
Hired money in anticipation of taxes . .	61,000 00
Amount of tax list, 1902	65,154 74
	$161,752 40

PAYMENTS.

Amount of Selectmen and Assessors' orders .	$88,523 18
Commonwealth of Massachusetts license fees, one fourth	25
Cohasset Savings Bank, demand note, 1901	4,000 00
Town's notes due in 1902	7,400 00
Hired money in 1902	51,000 00
Interest on Town's notes	3,309 98
Balance in Treasury	7,518 99
	$161,752 40

WENTWORTH J. EARLE,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

To the Selectmen:—

GENTLEMEN:—The past year has been a very quiet one with this department, there having been no alarm for fire in a building during the twelve months. The officers and members of this Board are the same as last year, and but very few changes have been made in the membership of the Department.

In accordance with a vote of the town we have contracted with the Abbott-Downing Company of Boston to build a combination hose wagon for the North Cohasset district, and it is expected to be ready for delivery about April 1, 1903.

We would respectfully call your attention to the condition of the outside of the department buildings, and recommend that they be painted during the ensuing year.

We would recommend that additional hydrants be placed as follows: One at the south end of Cunningham's Bridge and one on Jerusalem road extension, opposite the driveway to the residence of Nicholas Sheldon.

We would recommend that 1000 feet of hose be purchased for the department before the arrival of the new wagon for the North Cohasset district.

We would recommend that the sum of $1200 be raised and appropriated for the maintenance and operating of the department for the ensuing year.

H. E. MAPES, GEO. JASON,
H. E. BRENNOCK, A. B. LITCHFIELD,
T. A. RICH, E. E. BATES,
S. R. NICHOLS, A. S. RICHARDSON,
G. W. GROCE.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Hose No. 1.

C. Callahan & Co., supplies .	$14 35	
Geo. F. Higgins, repairs . .	16 70	
H. L. Willard, Jr., horses to fires	15 00	
A. J. Morris, steward . .	40 00	
Bates & Lincoln, wood . .	4 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal and wood	46 32	
D. P. Sylvester, supplies . .	3 45	
Est. Allen C. Bates, supplies .	10 60	
S. D. Tower, repairs . . .	21 52	
H. L. McMahon, watching, July 3 and 4	3 00	
14 poll taxes	28 00	
		$202 94

Hose No. 2.

H. F. Tilden, horses to fire and carting	$13 60	
George F. Higgins, repairs . .	2 25	
F. C. Blossom, steward . .	30 25	
Lincoln Bros., coal and wood .	54 04	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal and wood, etc.	4 32	
Bates & Lincoln, wood . .	4 00	
Est. Allen C. Bates, supplies .	20 51	
H. B. Bates, watching, July 3 and 4	3 00	
4 poll taxes	8 00	
		$139 97

Hose No. 3.

James S. Beal, care of reel . .	$58 34	
1 poll tax	2 00	
		$60 34

Ladder No. 1.

Frank Jason, steward . .	$20 00	
C. Callahan & Co., supplies .	5 25	
Joseph Jason, horses to fires, etc.	23 00	
Cohasset Supply Co., supplies .	1 65	
Est. Allen C. Bates, supplies .	14 20	
Tower Bros. & Co., wood .	3 10	
12 poll taxes	24 00	
		$91 20

Ladder No. 2.

A. J. Antoine, steward . .	20 00	
John J. A. Pratt, repairs on bldg.	2 50	
H. L. Brown, supplies . .	31 67	
Bates & Lincoln, wood . .	4 00	
Geo. F. Sargent, glass . .	40	
10 poll taxes	20 00	
		$88 57

Board of Engineers.

H. L. Willard, Jr., horse and team	$19 00	
T. A. Rich, clerk, printing, postage, etc.	5 00	
9 poll taxes	18 00	
		$42 00

Fire Alarm.

C. Callahan & Co., batteries .	$20 40	
F. W. Brown, chemicals . .	8 70	
		$29 10

Miscellaneous.

Elmer Williams, woods fire .	2 75	
S. Francis James, woods fire .	2 00	
Isaiah Lincoln *et al.*, woods fire .	6 00	
		$10 75

RECAPITULATE.

Amount of appropriation . .		$1,200 00
Board of Engineers . . .	$42 00	
Fire alarm	29 10	
Miscellaneous	10 75	
Hose No. 1	202 94	
Hose No. 2	139 97	
Hose No. 3	60 34	
Ladder No. 1	91 20	
Ladder No. 2	88 57	
		664 87
Balance unexpended .		$535 13

H. E. MAPES, *Chief.*

Attest: T. A. RICH, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In submitting our annual report for the year 1902, we feel justified in stating that as the result of years of patient, faithful and earnest effort and support on the part of all the citizens of our town, our schools, from an educational standpoint, were never in as good condition as they are to-day. It is not only possible for any boy or girl to obtain from our schools a better education with the modern methods of to-day than could possibly result in the same length of time from the methods of earlier years of our school system, but to those who desire to enter college and pursue a professional career, our High School supplies the preparatory course necessary, which until a comparatively few years could be obtained only at inconvenience and expense from schools outside our town.

Nor are our schools at the present time more especially advantageous to those who wish to fit for college than to those who desire to pursue a business career, for during the past year your committee has introduced a commercial or business course in the High School and engaged a special teacher for the purpose of giving any who wish a thorough business education in stenography, typewriting and other studies such as are taught in commercial schools or colleges in our larger towns and cities.

Conveying Pupils. Your attention has, from time to time, been called to the large expenditure of money for conveying pupils to and from the Osgood School. This is an expenditure authorized by a vote of the town and over which your committee has no control except to pay out the money

in accordance with said vote, and while conveying pupils who live long distances away—like the Beechwood and North Cohasset districts—is essentially necessary, the town has gone on establishing new routes and appropriating money for same until the cost of conveying exceeds $2,000, which to your committee appears excessive; therefore, we recommend that any further demands for appropriations for such expenditure be carefully scrutinized before granting such requests, and where possible routes already established be discontinued.

Fuel. The past year, on account of the coal famine, it has been exceedingly difficult to obtain a coal supply for the several school buildings. During the summer we were unable to secure a supply of anthracite or hard coal from our local dealers, nor could we obtain a bid from dealers in neighboring towns, therefore we were supplied with small quantities by local dealers at the market price, which was considerably in excess of that paid in former years, and in part accounts for the increase in our estimate of appropriation needed for the ensuing year. We were finally forced to choose between closing the schools or using bituminous or soft coal, and decided on the latter course as best for the interest of the town, notwithstanding it added quite a little to the expense of running the schools, though it cost less than the market price for hard coal, which could not be had in large quantities at any price.

Osgood School and Supplies. The amount appropriated for books and supplies last year would not admit of renewals of text-books in some of the grades where they are much needed, not to mention books destroyed to guard against the spread of contagious diseases, hence a slight increase this year for supplies. During the summer vacation most of the rooms and the halls in the Osgood School were thoroughly renovated by whitening, tinting, etc., and with a small amount expended the coming year the interior

of the building will be in good condition for several years to come.

There have been some changes in teachers in the Beechwood and King Street districts, as well as the Osgood School, which will receive attention in the report of the Superintendent.

The needed appropriation for the year 1903 will be $16,100.00, as follows:

Salaries of Teachers, Superintendent and Janitors	$11,100 00
Conveying	2,400 00
Books and Supplies	700 00
Fuel	1,200 00
Repairs	500 00
Incidentals	200 00

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS A. LAWRENCE, *Chairman.*
CALEB LOTHROP, *Secretary.*
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
HARRY E. MAPES,
JASON M. ENNICE,
ELIZABETH O. DAVENPORT.

TOWN OF COHASSET in account with THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1901. Paid

Superintendent of Schools, Nelson G. Howard		$700 00

TEACHERS.

Osgood School:		
High, Mr. C. F. Jacobs, Principal . . .	$1,700 00	
High, Miss Grace Gatchell, Assistant . . .	600 00	
High, Mr. Alpheus W. Rich, Assistant . . .	375 00	
High, Miss Minnie E. Bigelow, Assistant, . .	225 00	
High, Miss Nellie Brooks Hill, Assistant . .	187 50	
8th Grade, Miss Martha P. Bates	500 00	
7th Grade, Miss Charlotte A. Tower . . .	480 00	
6th Grade, Miss Annie D. Dunham	350 40	
6th Grade, Miss Blanche Clough	24 00	
6th Grade, Mrs. S. C. Lary	105 60	
5th Grade, Miss Annie A. Souther	480 00	
4th Grade, Miss Mary E. Clapp	468 00	
3rd Grade, Miss M. Jennie Mason	480 00	
2nd Grade, Miss Priscilla L. Collier	480 00	

1st Grade, Miss Sarah E. Fox	$457 40	
1st Grade, Miss Katharine S. Towle . . .	13 00	
1st grade, Mrs. S. C. Lary .	7 20	
General assistant, Miss Myra L. Beal	380 00	
		$7,313 10
North School:		
Miss Annie Fox . . .		$480 00
Beechwood School:		
Miss Emma V. Ingerson .	$292 00	
Miss Gertrude S. Locke .	6 00	
Miss Katherine S. Towle .	2 00	
Miss Eva E. Sprague . .	120 00	
Miss Eva S. Bassick . .	30 00	
		$450 00
King Street School:		
Miss Mary W. Cobb . .		$400 00
Special Teachers:		
Miss Elizabeth C. Bates, music		$300 00
Miss Sarah T. Bailey, drawing	$180 00	
Walter Sargent, drawing .	140 00	
		$320 00
		$9,263 10

JANITORS.

Osgood School:		
Lot W. Bates . . .	$525 00	
Thomas W. Doyle . .	311 19	
		$836 19
North School:		
Annie Fox		$40 00
Beechwood School:		
A. B. Litchfield . . .		$50 00

King Street School:		
Fred G. James . . .		$30 00
		$956 19

CONVEYING PUPILS.

Parker Avenue, Harry F. Tilden	$169 16	
North End District, " "	120 00	
South End District, " "	197 00	
Jerusalem Road, " "	50 00	
King Street, " "	181 00	
No. Cohasset District, Franklin Beal	598 20	
Beechwood District, Samuel E. Pratt	887 50	
H. L. Willard	22 50	
		$2,225 30

FUEL.

Osgood School:		
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	$276 33	
Lincoln Bros., Ltd. . .	135 13	
Garfield & Proctor Coal Co.	353 97	
		$765 43
North School:		
Tower Bros. & Co. . .		$8 50
Beechwood School:		
Chas. H. Hackett . .	$15 00	
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	6 83	
		$21 83
King Street School:		
Lincoln Bros., Ltd. . .	$3 85	
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	5 75	
		$9 60
		$805 36

REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.

Osgood School:		
Edgar J. Pratt, repairs and supplies	$95 21	

Morss & Whyte, iron screens for windows . . .	$66 00	
Augustus S. Burgess, carpentering	15 80	
The Fuller & Warren Co., chemical sink and repairs in lavatory . . .	129 08	
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	27 17	
Cohasset Electric Co., lights	9 52	
George F. Higgins . .	8 55	
Harry W. Lincoln, setting glass and painting . .	5 00	
Estate Allen C. Bates . .	46 38	
Wm. H. H. Hancock, repairing clock . . .	75	
Thomas W. Doyle, file .	25	
John E. Frates, repairing two chimneys . . .	33 50	
H. M. Darling & Co. . .	1 28	
John L. Pratt, carpentering .	7 50	
Chas. A. Gross, supplies .	10 96	
W. H. Fowler, repairing shades	4 50	
Andrew F. Leatherbee, lumber	6 44	
		$467 89
North School:		
Harry White, putting up halliards	$ 50	
Edgar J. Pratt, repairing stove, etc. . . .	6 80	
John Roche, putting on and taking off storm windows .	4 50	
Annie Fox, paid for cleaning cellar	3 15	

Est. Allen C. Bates, window cord, etc., labor on water pipes	$12 16	
Harry F. Tilden, carting clock	25	
		$27 36
Beechwood School:		
John W. Bates, cleaning vaults	$3 00	
A. B. Litchfield, cleaning and repairs . . .	13 25	
Wm. H. H. Hancock, clock	4 00	
John J. A. Pratt, patching roof	9 75	
I. N. Small, repairing blackboards	5 00	
I. N. Small, repairing blackboards	5 00	
Est. Allen C. Bates, repairing stove, etc. . . .	14 10	
Tower Bros. & Co., varnish and lumber . . .	5 70	
		$54 80
King Street School:		
Wm. H. H. Hancock, repairing clock . . .	$ 90	
S. H. Stoughton, repairing chimney	5 00	
Fred G. James, cleaning, etc.	10 00	
Est. Allen C. Bates, labor on stoves	1 85	
		$17 75
		$567 80

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Harry F. Tilden, carting and freight	$2 10	

Paid Cousens & Pratt, flag . .	$5 00	
C. Lothrop, Treasurer and Secretary . . .	54 00	
C. Lothrop, postage . .	2 02	
Jason M. Ennice, secretary .	21 00	
Jason M. Ennice, postage .	3 00	
Expressing receipts . .	15	
Nelson G. Howard, telephone rental	24 75	
C. F. Jacobs, sundries .	7 41	
A. B. Litchfield, truant officer	10 00	
Wm. T. Tilden, hall and piano, work on stage .	10 00	
Mary E. Clapp, services as pianist	10 00	
The Boundbrook Press, printing	5 25	
H. W. Kibbe, filling diplomas	11 25	
Fred H. Miller, printing .	3 90	
Cotton & Gould, receipts printed	3 75	
W. W. Wade, tuning piano	3 33	
John Clark, flowers for graduation	19 75	
Charles E. Nott, freight and expressing . . .	2 41	
N. Y. & Boston Despatch Co., expressing for 1902 .	40 80	
F. W. Browne, supplies for laboratory . . .	9 10	
Estate F. H. Nichols, ribbon, etc.	8 42	
Samuel E. Pratt, truant officer	25 00	
		$282 39

Books and Stationery.

Paid Allyn & Bacon . . .	$11 67	
Edward E. Babb & Co. .	234 59	
Samuel Ward Company .	76 73	
Boston Music Co. . .	2 03	
American Book Co. . .	60 84	
Fred H. Miller . . .	2 50	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	4 90	
Ginn & Co. . . .	84 49	
Silver, Burdett & Co. . .	9 99	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.	1 70	
Joseph Gillott & Sons .	9 75	
Orpin Brothers . . .	38 00	
A. Storrs & Bement Co. .	7 25	
Eagle Pencil Co. . .	18 00	
Wm. J. Day & Co. . .	4 20	
Parke Schoch . .	18 15	
		$584 79

Recapitulation.

Debit.

Superintendent of Schools . .	$700 00	
Teachers	9,263 10	
Janitors	956 19	
Repairs, etc.	567 80	
Conveying	2,225 36	
Fuel	805 36	
Miscellaneous	282 39	
Books, Stationery, etc. . .	584 79	
Balance unexpended . .	122 29	
		$15,507 28

Credit.

Balance from last year . .	$15 47
Amount of school appropriation	15,000 00

Received from supplies sold .	$6 01	
Amount of dog licenses . .	245 40	
Interest from Ripley school fund	40 40	
Appropriation for conveying .	200 00	
		$15,507 28

EVENING SCHOOL.

Paid Stanley C. Lary, Principal .	$204 00	
Alpheus W. Rich, First Assistant	120 00	
William H. Morris, Second Assistant . . .	76 50	
Lot W. Bates, janitor . .	51 00	
Cohasset Electric Co. . .	27 10	
Edw. E. Babb & Co., supplies	27 35	
A. T. Bliss & Co., printing posters	1 75	
		$507 70
Amount received from Town Treasurer	$507 70	
		$507 70

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Members of the School Committee:

I have the honor of presenting to you my fifth annual report as Superintendent of Schools:

General Statistics.

Number of school buildings	4
Number of school rooms in use	15
Number of regular teachers employed	15
Number of special teachers employed	2
Total enrollment of pupils in all the schools for the year	480
Average membership of all the schools	403
Average attendance of all the schools	370
Percentage of daily attendance of all the schools	91.5
Number of tardy marks for the year	603
Number of pupils in the high school	80
High school enrollment by classes:	
Senior class	11
Sophomore class	13
Junior class	17
Freshman class	39
Average membership of the Osgood school	346
Average membership of the other schools	57
Number of cases of truancy	7
Number of children in school between the ages of 7 and 14	294
Number of children in school between the ages of 5 and 15	403

Number of children in school over 15 years of age .	57
Number of cases of contagious diseases among school children	27
Number of deaths from contagious disease . .	1

SCHOOLS, TEACHERS AND SALARIES.

	Teachers.	*Salary.*
High School:	Charles F. Jacobs, Principal .	$1,700 00
	Grace Gatchell . . .	600 00
	Nellie Brooks Hill . .	500 00
	Minnie E. Bigelow . .	600 00
Osgood School:		
Grade VIII	Martha P. Bates . . .	500 00
VII	Charlotte Tower . . .	480 00
VI	Annie D. Dunham . .	480 00
V	Annie A. Souther . . .	480 00
IV	Mary E. Clapp . . .	480 00
III	M. Jennie Mason . . .	480 00
II	Priscilla L. Collier . .	480 00
I	Sarah E. Fox . . .	480 00
Matron,	Myra L. Beal . . .	380 00
Beechwood,	Eva S. Bassick . . .	400 00
North,	Annie Fox	480 00
King Street,	Mary W. Cobb . . .	400 00
Special Teacher of Music,	Elizabeth C. Bates	300 00
Special Teacher of Drawing,	Walter Sargent	350 00

Graduates of High School, 1902.

Mary Frances Antoine, Dora Clifton Bates, Lilla Gertrude Bates, Marion Franklin Beal, Katharine Dolan, Mary Eliza Enos, Mary Abbie Nickerson, Esther Mae Thayer, Hester Warwick Towle, Royal Teele Bates, Henry Stewart Rooney.

Post-graduate who Received a Certificate.

George Lyman Davenport, Jr.

SCHOOLS.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance.	Tardy Marks.	Truancy.
High School .	70	63	90	168	0
Osgood School:					
Grade I	33	28	85	15	0
II	29	28	96	50	0
III	25	24	96	32	2
IV	35	32	91	50	1
V	37	35	94	36	1
VI	42	40	95	40	0
VII	29	28	96	44	0
VIII	46	43	93	61	0
Beechwood .	28	25	90	64	0
North . .	21	17	81	39	3
King Street .	8	7	87	24	0

Attendance.

The total number of pupils for the year was 480, a decrease of 5 over the previous year; the average membership was 403, a decrease of 8; the average daily attendance, 370, an increase of 1; the percentage of daily attendance to the average membership, 91.5, an increase of .015; the number of cases of tardiness, 603, an increase of 67; the number of cases of truancy, 7, a decrease of 2. While the record of attendance is quite satisfactory in nearly every grade, there is still too much tardiness. The High School and the higher grades seem to suffer most. A few pupils in each school are responsible for the greater part of the tardiness. The operation of the law in relation to contagious diseases has reduced the average membership for the year. A single case in a household prevents the attendance of all the pupils of that household. The twenty-seven cases that we have

had have kept more than a hundred pupils from school for periods ranging from two to six weeks. Very few pupils have been kept out of school without good reasons. The truants have given much less trouble than ever before. Our truant officers prevent truancy by attending to their duty with promptness and energy. The parents have given us their full support in putting an end to truancy. The cases that have been reported have been confined to four families, and two of these families have left town. With the strict enforcement of the truancy law we shall have no truants next year.

Contagious Diseases.

We have had an unusually large number of cases of scarlet fever and measles among our school children during the year. Measles prevailed for two months, in January and February, and scarlet fever at intervals throughout the year. Two cases of diphtheria have developed, one proving fatal. The prompt action of our physicians in locating the cases and enforcing quarantine regulations with the assistance of the Board of Health has prevented epidemics, but our school work has suffered greatly, and we are forcibly reminded that medical inspection in the schools is a necessity that all towns must meet in the near future. The cost of such inspection would not be very great, and the benefits would be incalculable.

The state compels attendance at school and gives an opportunity to the towns to regulate all matters pertaining to the management of the pupils. Medical inspection is a safeguard not only against contagious diseases but against injury to pupils through the neglect of defects of sight and hearing and the weaknesses incident to rapid growth.

Grading and Promotions.

With the ample accommodations at the Osgood School we are able to classify our pupils well, and the matter of

promoting is systematically done. The plan proposed a year ago whereby pupils were allowed to advance as rapidly as their ability to work would warrant has proved a success. An added interest has been shown in all classes where the teachers have given the pupils a chance to advance at any time to the next higher division. We have not perfected our system, but we have laid the foundation in a firm and lasting way. There is no reason why a pupil should be kept in a grade in which he finds no work adapted to his capacity. Grading is only a means of classifying for the convenience of teachers. There can be no average product of our schools. Pupils know no grades. They show activity in the lines of their greatest interest, and we have no right to confine that activity to narrow limits. Whenever a pupil shows an active interest in the work of the next succeeding division he should be allowed to attempt that work. The year should not be made the measure with which to mark off the successive grades of a child's development — any day may be the limit for one kind of work. It requires good teachers to conduct classes where promotions are made at irregular intervals. They must have the welfare of each pupil at heart, and must know what interests are most prominent. All pupils are not interested to the same degree in a subject, and it is idle to attempt to produce uniformity. There must be individuality — careful self-assertion. We are placed over children to stimulate their activity, not to repress it. In all the grades we form at least two divisions as soon as there appears a difference in the capacity of the pupils. The first division is allowed to proceed as rapidly as possible, while the second division does what appears to be reasonably within its comprehension. If a pupil in the lower division wishes to advance to the work of the higher, he is encouraged to exert himself and win the coveted place. Emulation is made to serve as a powerful means for arousing activity. Those pupils who

have earned irregular promotions show that the system is a success.

Teachers.

There have been four changes among the teachers during the year. Mr. Alpheus W. Rich resigned in July to accept a position in the Highland Military Institute, Worcester, and Miss Nellie Brooks Hill of Malden, a graduate of Boston University, was selected to take his place. Miss Emma V. Ingerson, who had taught very successfully in the Beechwood school for four years, resigned at the close of the spring term, and Miss Eva L. Sprague, a graduate of the Vermont Normal School, accepted the position and remained during the fall term. Miss Eva S. Bassick took her place at Christmas. Miss Bassick is a graduate of the Gorham (Maine) Normal School. Miss Sara T. Bailey, who had supervised the drawing very successfully for five years, resigned in June, and we were fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. Walter Sargent, Assistant State Supervisor of Drawing. The new commercial department called for an additional teacher in the high school, and Miss Minnie E. Bigelow of West Somerville, a graduate of Drexel Institute (Philadelphia), was chosen. The present force of teachers is a strong one, and we are getting better results than ever before.

Text-books and Supplies.

The amount of the appropriation for text-books and supplies has been expended as carefully as possible, but we have not had enough to purchase all the books that we have needed for the best work of the schools. Many books have been destroyed because of the contagious diseases. A part of the money that should have gone for the purchase of new sets of books has been spent in replacing the books destroyed. Two typewriters have been purchased for the commercial department. In order to procure the necessary

books and supplies for the coming year we should have a larger appropriation. The book-keeping and typewriting demand considerable material. Strict economy has been practised in using supplies in all the schools.

Commercial Department in the High School.

In years past many of our pupils have left the High School before completing the course, in order to enter commercial schools in the city. There seemed to be no way of holding such pupils without the introduction of subjects that have a distinct and immediate bearing upon business affairs. A substantial commercial course that combines business training with regular academic work was drawn up during the summer and was put in operation at the beginning of the fall term. It is so arranged that all pupils who elect the commercial subjects are required to take English for four years, mathematics for two years, history for two years, and science for one year. This will give the graduates of the commercial department a good high school education as well as a knowledge of Stenography, Typewriting, Bookkeeping, Business Arithmetic, Commercial Geography and Business Practice. Care was taken that the new course should not interfere with the other work of the school. By consulting the courses of study which are printed below it will be clear that the two departments are strengthened each by the other. For graduation from either course it is necessary for the pupil to secure sixty points. A point consists of one recitation per week for a school year of forty weeks, in which at least seventy per cent. is earned. The required number of points may be earned in less or in more than four years, although the regular time, four years, is generally taken by the classes. Under the management of Miss Bigelow the commercial work has been begun in a systematic manner, and an interest is shown that will insure good results for the school.

COMMERCIAL COURSE IN THE COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL.

SUBJECTS.	WEEKS.	PERIODS.
FIRST YEAR.		
English and Composition	40	4½
History (Ancient)	40	3
Commercial Arithmetic	40	3
Commercial Geography	40	3
Penmanship	40	1
Algebra	40	5
SECOND YEAR.		
English and Composition	40	4½
History (English)	40	3
Commercial Arithmetic	40	2
Bookkeeping	40	3
Penmanship	40	1
Geometry	40	5
THIRD YEAR.		
English and Composition	40	5½
Bookkeeping and Business Practice	40	5
Stenography and Typewriting	40	5
French	40	4
German	40	2
Penmanship	40	1
American History and Civil Government, or Political Economy	40	3
Botany and Physical Geography	40	3
Physics	40	5
FOURTH YEAR.		
English (College Requirements)	40	6½
Stenography and Typewriting	40	5
Business Practice	40	4
American History and Civil Government, or Political Economy	40	3

Botany and Physical Geography	40	3
French or Chemistry	40	4
German	40	2
Penmanship	40	1

Drawing and Music throughout the course. Each pupil, with the consent of parent or guardian, will elect subjects, always including English, History, Mathematics, and Physics, that will give him at least fifteen periods a week.

GENERAL COURSE IN THE COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL.

SUBJECTS.	WEEKS.	PERIODS.
FIRST YEAR.		
English and Composition	40	4½
History (Ancient)	40	3
Latin	40	4
Science	40	2
Algebra	40	5
SECOND YEAR.		
English and Composition	40	4½
History (English)	40	3
Latin	40	5
Greek	40	3
Geometry	40	5
THIRD YEAR.		
English and Composition	40	5½
Latin	40	4
Physics	40	5
American History and Civil Government, or Political Economy	40	3
Botany and Physical Geography	40	3
Greek	40	3
German	40	2
French	40	4

FOURTH YEAR.

English (College Requirements) .	40	6½
American History and Civil Government, or Political Economy .	40	3
Botany and Physical Geography .	40	3
French	40	4
Latin	40	4
Greek	40	3
German	40	2
Advanced Physics . . .	40	2
Advanced Algebra . . .	40	3
Advanced Geometry . . .	40	3
Chemistry	40	4

Drawing and Music throughout the course. Each pupil, with the consent of parent or guardian, will elect subjects, always including English, History, Mathematics, and Physics, that will give him at least fifteen periods a week. This course is designed to prepare pupils for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and any American college.

There are now four regular teachers who give their whole time to the High School, and the work has been arranged so that the teaching is rendered most effective. It will be necessary to expend some money in fitting up the commercial room. At present we are making use of odd tables and desks that have been discarded from other rooms. New desks, tables and some office furniture should be added as soon as the money can be secured. The usefulness of the High School has been increased greatly during the year, and we hope for still further growth.

GENERAL PROGRESS.

The work in all the grades has progressed in a quiet, systematic way throughout the year. The teachers have made use of every available means to stimulate activity, and the

results of their labors show that they have succeeded. Modern methods have been employed in an intelligent and careful manner. The work in Geography, History and Language has been exceptionally good. There has been more illustrating than ever before. The reading of the primary grades shows great improvement. Arithmetic is not neglected, although it is not allowed to occupy the all-important place that it commanded a few years ago. The application of number ideas in lower grades is more important than learning facts. Application and association are powerful factors in developing the reasoning faculties, and arithmetic is based on reasoning. The greater part of the arithmetic work of our schools ought to be done in the fifth, sixth and seventh grades; algebra and geometry are better suited to the needs of the higher grades. Neatness and accuracy have characterized all the written work. The Music and Drawing have received their share of attention. The music at the graduating exercises of the schools was good. The drawing has been excellent in every school. Miss Bailey did much for our pupils in developing a taste for the beautiful in nature and in art. Mr. Sargent is without doubt the best teacher of drawing in the State, and we are most fortunate in securing his services.

The discipline in all the schools has been good. There has been very little conflict between teachers and parents. Parents have shown an earnest appreciation of the work of the teachers, who in turn have done all within their powers to advance the interests of the children. The pupils no longer regard their teachers as their natural enemies whom they are bound to combat. A new relation has been established between all progressive teachers and their pupils, a form of co-operation that has brought all school work up to higher levels. Our schools are progressing steadily, and with the continued support of the people of the town we shall be able to advance still further all school interests.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the cordial support of the Committee, of the faithful, earnest work of the teachers, and of the interest shown by the people in the welfare of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,
NELSON G. HOWARD,
Superintendent of Schools.

COHASSET, December 31, 1902.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

To the Superintendent of Schools:—

I would make reference to my report of last year for an outline of the work that is being done at the present time. It is essentially the same. Much time has been taken for individual teaching in the lower grades. In class singing there are a few who lead, the others follow without any clear perception or thought of the work before them. With the little ones this individual training works admirably, as each pupil is eager to "show off" what he *thinks* he knows.

At the beginning of the new year, I gave to the pupils of the Seventh and Eighth Grades tests on written work which they had taken since September last, viz., major and minor scales, key signatures, etc. The results in the Eighth Grade were satisfactory, very few falling below 80 per cent. The test called for a melody of eight measures to be written in a given key and meter. As a result I received several melodies which were correct in every respect. The same test was given in the Seventh Grade with results not so satisfactory, although many did well.

The chief difficulty in the High School work is the lack of bass singers. With one exception the pupils who en-

tered from the Eighth Grade at the beginning of the school year are too young to sing bass, therefore they have to take alto-tenor. There are only two bass singers on whom we can depend.

I would call attention to the delapidated condition of the piano, and respectfully suggest that the Town make us a *March* present of a new one.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH C. BATES.

December 31, 1902.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

As I have had opportunity to watch the work in drawing only since September, I must discuss plans of the year's work more than completed results.

The ideas on which the program in drawing is arranged are as follows: The work is planned along three lines — repsentative drawing, design and color, and perspective.

In the primary grades children are led to draw things with which they are familiar, such as animals, toys, houses, etc. The resulting sheets are of little value except to one interested in studying the working of children's minds, but the habit thus gained, of expression by means of lines, and the readiness in drawing, are of great value in future work.

The small children also study color, and make simple designs involving the use of color. Any attempt at minute measurements and exact representation is delayed till later years. Experience has shown that minute, accurate drawing in primary grades does more harm than good.

In intermediate and grammar grades the plan involves a

study of correct representation of objects in perspective and a study of design, the result of which should be that when an object is named to be designed, each pupil must think out conditions to be met and make all details conform to the purpose for which the object is intended. Most of the objects selected for design have a place in school or home life. So far as possible the objects are actually made by the pupils. Since each produces his own idea of what best meets the given conditions the results of the same problem are all different.

Ornament and color are applied to the objects designed by the pupils.

Enough of constructive drawing is taught to give the ability to make and read simple working drawings.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER SARGENT.

Cohasset, Dec. 31, 1902.

One Hundred and Thirty-Fourth Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE SELECTMEN

OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET

AND THE

REPORTS OF OTHER TOWN OFFICERS,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1903.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1903-04.

Town Clerk.

HARRY F. TILDEN.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

PHILANDER BATES	Chairman,	Term expires	March, 1905
NEWCOMB B. TOWER	. .	" "	March, 1906
HERBERT A. TILDEN	. .	" "	March, 1904

Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

ABRAHAM H. TOWER.

School Committee.

HARRY E. MAPES	. .	Term expires	March, 1904
JASON M. ENNICE	. .	" "	March, 1904
MRS. ELIZABETH O. DAVENPORT		" "	March, 1905
CALEB LOTHROP	. . .	" "	March, 1905
MRS. MARTHA P. HOWE	.	" "	March, 1906
CHARLES W. MERRIAM	.	" "	March, 1906

Constables.

EDWARD E. WENTWORTH, JOHN ROCHE,
MANUEL S. ENOS, THOMAS MANNIX,
A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD, SIDNEY L. BEAL,
JOHN J. GRASSIE.

Auditor.

WENTWORTH J. EARLE.

Tree Warden.

HENRY L. McMAHON.

Trustees of the Public Library.

EDITH M. BATES . . .	Term expires		March, 1905
MRS. EDWARD F. RIPLEY .	"	"	March, 1905
OLIVER H. HOWE . .	"	"	March, 1905
EDWARD H. TOWER . .	"	"	March, 1904
LOUIS T. CUSHING . .	"	"	March, 1904
ABRAHAM H. TOWER . .	"	"	March, 1904
MRS. ABRAHAM H. TOWER	"	"	March, 1906
EDWARD F. RIPLEY . .	"	"	March, 1906
SARAH B. COLLIER . .	"	"	March, 1906

Field Drivers.

ABRAHAM J. ANTONE, HORACE J. DAMON
THOMAS LONEY, SIDNEY L. BEAL,
JOHN ROCHE.

Fence Viewers.

GEORGE JASON, FRANK F. MARTIN, Jr.
ALBAN D. GILLIS.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR THE YEAR 1903-04.

Fire Engineers.

HARRY E. MAPES, THOMAS A. RICH,
HENRY E. BRENNOCK, ELMER E. BATES,
GEORGE JASON, GEORGE W. GROCE.

Auctioneers.

AARON PRATT, CHARLES A. GROSS,
EDWARD E. WENTWORTH, JAMES S. BEAL.

Superintendent of Streets.

PHILANDER BATES.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

PAUL J. BATES.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

HERBERT L. BROWN. FRANKLIN BEAL.

Surveyors of Lumber.

ARTHUR O. HIGGINS, JOSEPH A. VALINE.

Public Weighers.

HERBERT L. BROWN, NEWCOMB B. TOWER, ALFRED BEAL.

Pound Keeper.

L. LINCOLN WORRICK.

Keeper of the Lock-up.

WILLIAM J. BRENNOCK.

Harbor Master and Harbor Police.

JOSEPH JASON, Jr.

Registrars of Voters.

JOHN L. PRATT . . .	Term expires	May 1, 1905
CORNELIUS O'KEEFE . .	" "	May 1, 1904
CALEB F. NICHOLS, Chairman	" "	May 1, 1906

HARRY F. TILDEN, ex-officio, Clerk of the Board.

Inspector of Animals.

DARIUS W. GILBERT, V. S.

Night Police Officers.

*THOMAS MANNIX, JOHN J. GRASSIE, FRANK JASON.

Special Police Officers.

WILLIAM J. BRENNOCK, FRANK JASON,
MANUEL P. VALINE, SIDNEY L. BEAL,
M. WILLIAM SILVIA, JOHN FLEMMING.

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* Resigned Nov. 1, 1903.

TOWN OF COHASSET.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

For 1903.

Doings of the

TOWN OF COHASSET.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Extracts from the Town Records.

The Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset was held March 2, 1903, agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same, at which time the several articles contained were acted upon as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Chose, Philander Bates, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year, one Selectman, one Assessor, and one Overseer of the Poor for three years, a Treasurer for the ensuing year, a Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year, two Members of the School Committee for three years, six Constables, one Auditor and one Tree Warden for the ensuing year, all to be brought in on one ballot. Also to vote upon the question, "Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in the town the current year, in accordance with Chapter 100, Section 10, of the Revised Laws."

The vote upon this question will be deposited in the State ballot-box as the statute provides. The polls for the reception of ballots under this article will be kept open until

half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon, and for such longer time as the voters present and voting shall determine.

Chose, The following Town Officers:

Harry F. Tilden, Town Clerk.

Newcomb B. Tower, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for three years.

Abraham H. Tower, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

Mrs. Martha P. Howe and Rev. Charles W. Merriam, members of the School Committee for three years.

Voted, That there be seven constables.

E. E. Wentworth, John Roche, Manuel S. Enos, A. Bradford Litchfield, Thomas Mannix, Sidney L. Beal and John J. Grassie, Constables.

Wentworth J. Earle, Auditor.

Henry L. McMahon, Tree Warden.

297 ballots were cast on the License Question, of which 127 were "Yes" and 170 were "No."

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers.

Chose, Mrs. A. H. Tower, Edward F. Ripley and Miss Sarah B. Collier, Trustees of the Public Library for three years.

Voted, To have five Field Drivers:

Abraham J. Antoine, Thomas Loney, Horace J. Damon, Sidney L. Beale and John Roche.

Voted, To have three Fence Viewers:

George Jason, F. F. Martin, Jr., Alban D. Gillis.

Article 4. To act upon the Reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Treasurer of the Public Library, School Committee, Treasurer of the School Committee, Tree Warden and Auditor.

Each of the above reports were, by a vote, accepted.

Article 5. What sum of money will the town raise and appropriate for the payment of debt, interest, support and relief of poor, schools, public libraries, repairs of highways

and sidewalks, removing snow from streets and sidewalks, electric lights for streets, water for hydrants, public buildings, fountains and streets, and all other necessary charges and expenses for the current year?

Voted, That the sum of fifty-six thousand eight hundred dollars ($56,800) be assessed and raised by taxation the current year.

Voted, That the sum of sixty-six thousand eight hundred dollars ($66,800) be appropriated the current year, as follows:

For	Payment of Debt	$4,775 00
	Payment of Interest	3,000 00
	Support of Schools	16,100 00
	Support and Relief of Poor	6,500 00
	Highways and Sidewalks	9,000 00
	Electric Lights	5,400 00
	Water for Hydrants, etc.	3,175 00
	Watering Streets	2,500 00
	Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	550 00
	Town Officers	2,500 00
	Night Police	$2,600 00
	Special Police	250 00
	Fire Department	1,200 00
	Removing Snow	1,000 00
	Public Library	1,100 00
	Memorial Day	100 00
	Printing	300 00
	Military Aid	200 00
	Inspection of Cattle	200 00
	Town Hall	1,300 00
	Board of Health	200 00
	Tree Warden	300 00
	Incidentals	1,200 00
	Iron Bridge	1,000 00

Recreation Field	2,000 00
Town Commons	200 00
Straits Pond	150 00
Total	$66,800 00

ARTICLE 6. Will the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire what money may be needed in anticipation of the taxes and to pay State and Military Aid?

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized under the direction and with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the taxes of 1903, such sums of money, and at such times as may be needed to defray the current expenses of the year, subject to the Revised Laws of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE 7. In what manner will the town collect the taxes and at what time shall they be paid into the treasury ?

Voted, That the taxes be collected in the same manner and payable at the same time as last year.

ARTICLE 8. What compensation will the town allow the Collector of Taxes for the current year?

Voted, Same as last year, namely four hundred dollars.

ARTICLE 9. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Board and act thereon.

Voted, That the report of the Selectmen on guide-boards be accepted.

ARTICLE 10. Will the town accept the list of Jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen?

Voted, That the names of the nineteen persons who requested it, be stricken from the list.

Voted, To add the names of six persons to the list of Jurors.

Voted, To accept the list of Jurors as amended, which was as follows:

William C. Appleton,
Walter D. Brooks,
William W. Bates,
Edgar W. Bates,
Edwin Bates,
Franklin Beal,
Joseph S. Bigelow, Jr.
Fred C. Blossom,
James E. Brennock,
George W. Collier,
Willard J. Coombs,
Charles J. Enos,
John Fleming,
John E. Frates,
Joseph E. Grasssie,
Augustus S. Burgess,
George W. Groce,
Herbert R. Gott,
Charles H. Hackett,
Frank Jason,
John L. Jason,
John T. Keating,
Henry B. Kimball,
Frederick L. Lincoln,
Waldo C. Locke,
James J. McElroy,
Henry L. McMahon,
Henry R. Nickerson,
Caleb Nichols,
Joseph W. Osborne,
George Washington Pratt,
John J. A. Pratt,
Thomas A. Roche,
Joseph St. John,
Willie F. Thayer,
William S. Valine,
Frank W. Wheelwright.

Article 11. To hear and act upon the report of any committee heretofore chosen.

Voted, To grant further time to committee on half-tide gates as requested.

Voted, That report of committee on Stone Crusher be accepted and committee discharged.

Article 12. Will the town appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars to be used at the discretion of the Selectmen for the suppression of crime, or act thereon?

Voted, That the above amount be appropriated.

Article 13. Will the town cause the financial report to be printed and distributed in the month of February, 1904?

Voted, In the affirmative.

Article 14. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to

contract with the State Highway Commission to build the southerly section of South Main street?

Voted, That they be so authorized.

ARTICLE 15. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Cohasset Electric Light Company at the expiration of the present contract for lighting the streets?

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to contract with the Cohasset Electric Company for lighting the streets at the expiration of the present contract.

ARTICLE 16. To hear and act upon the joint report of the Trustees of the Cohasset Free Public Library and the Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Voted, That the report be accepted and the recommendation be adopted.

ARTICLE 17. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen in regard to the purchase of land for a cemetery.

Voted, That the report be accepted and that the matter be left in the hands of the Selectmen in accordance with vote passed June 21, 1902, and that the Treasurer be authorized, with approval of Selectmen, to hire whatever sums may be required for that purpose.

ARTICLE 18. Will the town appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of stocking the woods of Cohasset with partridge and quails, no part of said amount to be used as salaries, the appropriation to be expended by a committee appointed by the Selectmen?

Voted, That the sum of $300 be appropriated for the purpose of stocking the woods of Cohasset with pheasant and quails, no part of said amount to be used as salaries, the appropriation to be expended by a committee appointed by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 19. Will the town accept of Section 68, Chapter 91, of the Revised Laws regarding the manner of catching pickerel?

Voted, That Section 68, Chapter 91, of the Revised Laws be accepted.

ARTICLE 20. Will the town raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to place six electric lights on Lincoln Hillside, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 21. Will the town instruct the Superintendent of Streets to pay $3.75 per day for single teams and $5.75 per day for double teams for work upon the highways?

Voted, That this article be passed over.

ARTICLE 22. Will the town instruct the Selectmen to place one hydrant at the southerly end of the iron bridge on Atlantic avenue and one opposite the driveway of Nicholas Sheldon on Atlantic avenue for protection of buildings in that vicinity?

Voted, That the Selectmen be so authorized.

ARTICLE 23. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen on laying out as town roads certain streets at Lincoln Hillside.

Voted, That the report be accepted and that the sum of one thousand dollars be appropriated: and the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to hire money for same.

ARTICLE 24. What action will the town take in regard to the order of the County Commissioners whereby Beechwood street is ordered to be widened and improved from its junction with South Main street to its junction with Doane street?

Voted, That the sum of five thousand dollars be appropriated for above purpose and that the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to hire money as needed for the same.

ARTICLE 25. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to

fund a portion on the whole of the debt represented by demand notes or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed with the approval of the Selectmen to issue notes of the town to an amount not exceeding thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) payable in equal sums from one to ten years, the same to be applied in liquidation of our present floating debt as represented by demand notes given in 1896, 1897, 1898.

Article 26. To determine by ballot if the town will instruct its Board of Selectmen to choose some person other than one of their own board to act as Superintendent of Streets for the current year.

Voted, In the negative.

Article 27. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Cohasset Electric Light Company for four additional electric lights on King street, between the residences of James W. Nichols and William H. Reed?

Voted, In the negative.

Article 28. Will the town expend the sum of five hundred dollars out of the general highway appropriation of 1903 in raising the grade of the road on King street, between the residence of William H. Bates and the pumping station of the Cohasset Water Company, and in repairing such other places as are needed on said street as much as said $500 will allow?

Voted, In the negative.

Article 29. Will the town rescind the vote passed at a meeting held June 28th, 1902, whereby it was left to the Selectmen to act in the best interest of the town in purchasing a building to be used as a hose house at North Cohasset?

Voted, that the vote referred to in above article be rescinded.

Article 30. Will the town instruct the Board of Engineers to purchase and remodel, at a price not to exceed

two thousand three hundred dollars ($2,300), the building and land of E. D. Studley at North Cohasset, to be used as a hose house, and raise and appropriate the same amount, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, In the negative.

Article 31. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars to equip the Fire Department of the town with a combination suit and boots without hats, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the sum of six hundred dollars be appropriated and amount spent by Engineers.

Voted, That the thanks of this meeting be extended to the Moderator for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over it.

Voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Cohasset, held the twenty-fifth day of May, at 8 o'clock, action was taken as follows:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Chose, Philander Bates, Moderator.

Article 2. Will the town accept the gift of eight thousand dollars made by Thomas Minns and Joseph S. Kendall, surviving executors of the will of Robert Charles Billings, and also accept the conditions of said gift making said sum the Robert Charles Billings Fund of Cohasset, to be used for the purposes of a Public Park in said Town of Cohasset, Massachusetts, and act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the Town of Cohasset gratefully accept the

gift of eight thousand dollars made to the said Town of Cohasset by Thomas Minns and Joseph S. Kendall, surviving executors of the will of Robert Charles Billings, from the remainder of the estate distributed by them in accordance with the terms of said will and a decree of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, dated April 1, 1903.

And also accept the conditions of said gift, making said sum the Robert Charles Billings Fund of Cohasset, to be used for the purpose of a Public Park in said Town of Cohasset, Massachusetts.

Voted, That this matter be left to Selectmen, with instruction to employ a landscape gardener in laying out the Pond, etc.

Article 3. Will the town accept the gift of two thousand dollars made by Thomas Minns and Joseph S. Kendall, surviving executors of the will of Robert Charles Billings, and also accept the conditions of said gift making said sum the Robert Charles Billings Fund of Cohasset, to be used for the purposes of a Public Park in that part of said Town of Cohasset known as Beechwood, and act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the Town of Cohasset gratefully accept the gift of two thousand dollars made to said Town of Cohasset by Thomas Minns and Joseph S. Kendall, surviving executors of the will of Robert Charles Billings, from the remainder of the estate distributed by them in accordance with the terms of said will and a decree of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, dated April 1, 1903.

And also accept the conditions of said gift, making said sum the Robert Charles Billings Fund of Cohasset, to be used for the purpose of a Public Park in that part of said Town of Cohasset known as Beechwood.

Voted, That this matter be left to Selectmen and idea of donant carried out.

Article 4. Will the town instruct the Selectmen to pro-

vide a building in which the hose wagon to be stationed at North Cohasset may be kept and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars for the purpose, authorizing the Treasurer with the appproval of the Selectmen to hire that amount if neccessary.

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to provide a suitable building and instructed to purchase the Studley Estate if said Estate can be purchased for a sum not exceeding $2000.

Voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Cohasset, held August 5, 1903, at 8 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Chose, Philander Bates, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. Will the town appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars to dredge the harbor or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, Not to dredge the harbor.

Voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

MILITARY DUTY.

The number of men liable to perform military duty May 1, 1903, were 329

DOGS LICENSED.

The number of dogs licensed in Cohasset from December 1st, 1902, to December 1st, 1903, were as follows:

Male	170
Female	22
Total	192

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

ELECTION RECORD.

November 3, 1903.

Registered Voters in Cohasset, 601.
Whole number of Ballots cast, 500.

Governor.

John L. Bates of Boston, Rep.	284
Thomas F. Brennan of Salem, Soc. Labor	4
John C. Chase of Haverhill, Soc.	5
Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton, Pro.	0
William A. Gaston of Boston, Dem.	182
Blanks	25

Lieutenant-Governor.

John Quincy Adams of Amesbury, Soc.	14
Curtis Guild, Jr. of Boston, Rep.	287
William F. Merrill of Malden, Pro.	2
Richard Olney, 2d. of Leicester, Dem.	122
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke, Soc. Labor.	4
Blanks	71

Secretary.

Olof Bokelund of Worcester, Soc.	10
John F. Coyle of Lynn, Soc. Labor	4
Alfred L. Cutting of Weston, Pro.	1
Ezekiel M. Ezekiel of Springfield, Dem.	98
William M. Olin of Boston, Rep.	291
Blanks	96

Treasurer and Receiver-General.

John A. Billings of Rockland, Soc.	9
Edward S. Bradford of Springfield, Rep.	282
Napoleon B. Johnson of Milford, Pro.	2
Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield, Soc. Labor	2
Thomas C. Thatcher of Yarmouth, Dem.	106
Blanks	99

Auditor.

John H. Hagan of Lynn, Soc. Labor	4
Joseph Orr of Chicopee, Soc.	5
Alfred E. Steele of Northampton, Pro.	3
Francois X. Tetrault of Southbridge, Dem.	102
Henry E. Turner of Malden, Rep.	286
Blanks	100

Attorney-General.

John A. Anderson of Gardner, Soc. Labor	5
William J. Carroll of Lowell, Soc.	8
Henry M. Dean of Hyde Park, Pro.	3
John J. Flaherty of Gloucester, Dem.	102
Herbert Parker of Lancaster, Rep.	290
Blanks	92

Councillor—First District.

Roland C. Nickerson of Brewster, Rep.	298
Edwin Sawtell of Brockton, Pro.	3
Joseph R. Smith of Whitman, Soc.	14
William Swindlehurst of Fall River, Soc. Labor	8
Blanks	177

Senator—First Plymouth District.

Henry O. Cook of Abington, Soc. Labor	1
Thomas H. Dunn of Abington, Soc.	3
Elisha T. Harvell of Rockland, Rep.	200
Thomas Mannix of Cohasset, Dem.	273

Roland D. Sawyer of Hanson, Pro.	0
Blanks	23

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT — THIRD PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Thomas H. Buttimer of Hingham, Dem.	227
Reginald L. Robbins of Hingham, Rep.	257
Blanks	16

COUNTY COMMISSIONER–NORFOLK.

Daniel H. Coleman of Braintree, Soc.	23
James Hewins of Medfield, Dem. Rep.	327
Blanks	150

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY, NORFOLK COUNTY.

John D. Cobb of Dedham, Dem. Rep.	334
Clarence H. Deane of Randolph, Soc.	18
Blanks	148

REGISTER OF DEEDS-NORFOLK COUNTY.

John H. Burdakin of Dedham, Dem. Rep.	328
J. Frank Hayward of Hyde Park, Soc.	20
Blanks	152

COUNTY TREASURER—NORFOLK.

Albert G. Coffin of Quincy, Soc.	22
Charles H. Smith of Dedham, Dem. Rep.	322
Blanks	156

CONVENTION OF TOWN CLERKS IN THE THIRD PLYMOUTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.

At a convention of the Town Clerks of Hingham, Cohasset and Hull, said towns comprising the Third Plymouth Representative District held at the office of the Town Clerk in Hingham on Friday November 13th., A. D. 1903, at 12

o'clock M., for the purpose of examining the returns of votes given in and determining who had been elected to represent said District in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday in January next, proceeded to canvas said returns and found the ballots given in for the several candidates as follows :—

	Hingham.	Cohasset.	Hull.	Total
Thomas H. Buttimer of Hingham	373	227	195	795
Reginald L. Robbins of Hingham	483	257	60	800
Edward G. Knight . . .	1	0	0	1
Blanks	20	16	5	41
Totals	877	500	260	1637

It appearing that Reginald L. Robbins of Hingham had received a plurality of the votes given in, a certificate of election was issued to him.

FRED H. MILLER, Town Clerk of Hingham.
HARRY F. TILDEN, Town Clerk of Cohasset.
JAMES JEFFREY, Town Clerk of Hull.

List of Marriages, Births and Deaths — Registered in Cohasset During the Year 1903.

MARRIAGES.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	WHERE AND BY WHOM MARRIED.
Feb. 15	George H. Barnes Mabel J. Banks	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole.
Feb. 22	Thomas J. Murphy Mary A. Mulcahy	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
April 5	Russell Thomas Souther Rosa Baba	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Milo H. Gates.
April 16	Fred Lester Blake Alice Mehitable Browne	Abington Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Charles W. Merriam.
April 20	Joseph Louise Bates Elizabeth Ellen Sweeney	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Walter F. Sweeney.
May 27	Thomas Cameron Lydia Berch	Scituate Scituate	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
June 3	James W. Hannon Mary E. Mulcahy	Canton Cohasset	Married at Hingham by Rev. H. J. Mulligan.
June 4	Kendall F. Harriman Myra Isabell Gott	Boston Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Charles W. Merriam.
July 7	Kenneth Beal Annie May Lopaus	Melrose Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Charles W. Merriam.
Sept. 12	Michael James Dwyer Irene Gertrude Smith	East Weymouth Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
Sept. 15	Jason M. Ennice Kate Maguire	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.

Sept. 16	Richard Henry Tobin Catherine Curran	South Boston Cohasset	Married at Boston by Rev. Thomas F. Brannan.
Oct. 3	Edward W. Merritt Ethel Abbey McKenny	Cohasset Readville	Married at Readville by Rev. Henry N. Hoyt.
Oct. 11	Charles E. Jason Mary Ellen Brenonck	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
Oct. 21	Carl Wessman Hannah Peterson	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Cecil Harper.
Oct. 21	Patrick Coyne Annie Walsh	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Joseph P. Lawless.
Nov. 11	David Richmond Damon Ellen Wallace Margetts	Cohasset Hingham	Married at Hingham by Frederick M. Brooks.
Nov. 14	Edwin Reynolds May Frances Morgan	Cohasset Newton Center	Married at Newton Center by Morgan Miller.
Nov. 18	Edward Herbert Skinner Eleanor Grace (Souther) Cooke	Mansfield Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Milo H. Gates.
Nov. 21	Fred R. Maitland Ellanor B. Pierce	Cohasset Scituate	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
Dec. 2	Wilbur Austin Carter Martha Maria Lincoln	Scituate Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
Dec. 24	John Olson Gertrude Carter	Scituate Scituate	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Milo H. Gates.
Dec. 24	Thomas V. Smyth Daisy Simson	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole.

Twenty-three marriages were registered in Cohasset as per list above, of which eighteen were solemnized in this town. Thirteen grooms and seventeen brides were residents of Cohasset, while there were but nine marriages in which both were residents of this town.

HARRY F. TILDEN, Town Clerk.

BIRTHS, 1903.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAME.	MOTHERS' M. N.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
Jan. 5 . .	Roger Howe Nickerson.	Henry R. and Cornelia.	Denton.	South Main St.
Jan 18 . .	Lois Sheldon Higgins.	George F. and Mary L.	Tilson	Margin St.
Jan. 19 . .	Josephine Elizabeth McAuliffe	Michael F. and Margaret.	O'Connor.	Pleasant St.
Jan. 21 . .	Paul Snow Tilden.	Harry F. and Nellie.	Pratt.	South Main St.
Jan. 22 . .	John Murray Smith.	John F. and Ellen.	Conley.	Margin St.
Jan. 22 . .	Charles Wolcott Merriam.	Charles W. and Julia B.	Sturtevant.	Sohier St.
Feb. 11 . .	Philip Morse Hunt.	John W. and Elizabeth A.	Murray.	Jerusalem Road.
Feb. 22 . .	George Warren Bates.	Samuel B. and Velma.	Brown.	Summer St.
Feb. 26 . .	Benjamin Theophile Bichet.	August and Marie L.	Silhoutte.	Hull St.
Mar. 25 .	——— Shaw.	Benjamin and Julia.	Scenene.	Beechwood St.
April 4 . .	Sylvia Maria Jason.	George and Elizabeth.	Silvia.	Pond St.
April 8 . .	Gladys Marion Sydney.	Antoine J. and Josephine.	Fratus.	Stockbridge St.
April 10 . .	Mary Tilden Silvia.	Joseph M. and Catherine E.	Connell.	Smith Place.
April 11 . .	Mary Margaret Daley.	Dennis and Catherine.	Donovan.	Lincoln Hillside.
April 12 . .	Mary Helen McKenzie.	Thomas and Margaret E.	Haley.	Smith Place.
April 14 . .	Henry David Clark.	Edgar C. and Elizabeth.	Lean.	Hull St.
April 17 . .	Joseph Mitchell.	Frank and Fillie.	Frates.	Doane St.
April 21 . .	Leonora Josepha Ferriara.	Antonio J. and Marie.	Gordon.	Church St.
April 30 . .	Marion Elizabeth Pratt.	Charles H. and Elizabeth.	Mitchell.	Beechwood St.
May 18 . .	John Charles Figuerido.	Antoine and Mary A.	Silvia.	Border St.
May 21 . .	Edmund Rothwell Studley.	Clarence and Bertha.	Liswell.	Jerusalem Road.
May 24 . .	Charles Herbert Kennedy.	John and Mary J.	Connor.	Lincoln Hillside.
May 24 . .	Mary Threasa Neagle.	George P. and Rosa F.	Grassie.	Border St.
June 16 . .	Martin Phalan Tracy.	Neil J. and Grace M.	Phalan.	Lambert's Lane.
June 18 . .	Rosa Elizabeth Pratt.	Arthur and Theresa.	Davis.	Beechwood St.
June 20 . .	——— Tower.	Thomas A. and Mary O.	Duncanson.	Beechwood St.
June 20 . .	——— Tower.	Thomas A. and Mary O.	Duncanson.	Beechwood St.

June 27 . .	Alta Louisa Burgess.	Augustus S. and Lottie.	Sampson.	Margin St.
June 30 . .	Fannie Elizabeth Lyons.	Michael and Bridget.	Coyne.	Pleasant St.
July 7 . .	——— Caddon.	Richard J. and Margaret.	Lyall.	Atlantic Ave.
July 11 . .	Eleanor Pomeroy Collier.	E. P. and Ella Bell.	Sargent.	Highland Ave.
July 17 . .	Mary Ferriara.	Joseph and Mary.	Silvia.	Beechwood St.
July 30 . .	Sheldon Pratt Litchfield.	Cyrus and Mabel A.	Hayden.	Beechwood St.
Aug. 5 . .	Edward Henry McPhee.	Amos and Mary E.	Perkins.	Summer St.
Aug. 11 . .	Dorothy May Ainslie.	George E. and Mary L.	Eagan.	Beechwood St.
Aug. 21 . .	Mary Margaret Jeslina Brough.	James and Mary A.	McAntosh.	Hull St.
Sept. 7 . .	Rosilla Watson Thayer.	Arthur H. and Leora I.	Young.	Pleasant St.
Oct. 5 . .	William Arthur Thing.	Arthur A. and Mary.	Manning.	Lincoln Hillside.
Oct. 8 . .	——— Robinson.	Harry E. and O.	Everett.	Pleasant St.
Oct. 9 . .	Virginia Bethell.	James T. and Mary A.	Tuttle.	Margin St.
Oct. 12 . .	Margaret Alice McElroy.	James J. and Margaret.	Mitchell.	Elm St.
Oct. 15 . .	Annette Mulvey.	Arthur and Caroline.	Murray.	Forest Ave.
Oct. 23 . .	Virginia Parker Jones.	Harry P. and Edith M.	Ainslie.	Doane St.
Oct. 27 . .	Mammie Edelstein.	Abram L. and Ceial.	Veeleskie.	Church St.
Oct. 27 . .	Minnie Edelstein.	Abram L. and Ceial.	Veeleskie.	Church St.
Oct. 29 . .	John Patrick Madden.	John and Margaret M.	Allen.	Jerusalem Road.
Oct. 30 . .	Raymond Waldren Doris.	Frank J. and Elizabeth.	Fratus.	Margin St.
Oct. 30 . .	David Ira Litchfield.	Lewellyn A. and Anna L.	Steel.	Church St.
Nov. 25 . .	Alfred Enos Peterson.	Arnie and Mary V.	Enos.	Stockbridge St.
Dec. 9 . .	Margaret Cadida Botailyo.	Manuel L. and Mary T.	Cravalla.	Pleasant St.
Dec. 19 . .	Dorothy M. Cushing.	Charles B. and Lulie E.	Higgins.	South Main St.

The above list contains the names of fifty-one babies born in Cohasset in 1903. Of which twenty-five were males and twenty-six were females with parentage as follows: American father and mother, 21; foreign father and mother, 18; American father and foreign mother, 9; foreign father and American mother, 3.

HARRY F. TILDEN, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS, 1903.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF DEATH.
Jan. 12	Arthur Anthony	29			Typhoid Fever	Boston, Mass.
Jan. 19	(1) Mary Louise (Tillson) Higgins	35	11	2	Acute Mania	Border Street.
Jan. 21	(2) William Dean	42			Cerebral Hemorrhage	Taunton, Mass.
Jan. 22	Mary Ophelia Sampson Kent	61	5		Chronic Heart Disease	Quincy, Mass.
Jan. 28	Louisa (Pratt) Hobart.	81	2	15	Locomotor Ataxia	Scituate, Mass.
Jan. 31	Arthur R. Beale		10	19	Grippe Bronchitis	Brockton, Mass.
Feb. 2	(3) Anthony Gonsalves	47			Phthisis	Beechwood Street.
Feb. 6	Newcomb Bates	82	9		Senility	South Main Street.
Feb. 8	Herbert O. Beale	53		17	Pneumonia	Hull Street.
Feb. 14	Sally Lincoln (Stoddard) Towle	74	6	26	Cerebral Hemorrhage	South Main Street.
Feb. 15	Philip Morse Hunt			4	Pneumonia	Jerusalem Road.
Feb. 16	Charles Pratt Bourne	72	6	3	Neuralgia of the Heart	Margin Street.
Feb. 24	(4) William Bradford Hunt	66	4	6	Paralysis	Margin Street.
March 1	Caroline S. Carpenter	57		27	Apoplexy	Somerville, Mass.
March 1	Adeline W. Holbrook	78	6		Bronchitis	Hingham, Mass.
March 3	(5) Michael Neptune Brennock	78	6	4	Old Age	Border Street.
March 13	Sarah Beal	76	5	13	Old Age	Hull Street.
March 13	Emily Crawford Steright	79	10	11	Senility	Summer Street.
March 21	Margie M. Stoddard	53	3	11	Cancer	Bristol, R. I.
March 25	(6) George Herbert Roberts	52	3	22	Angina Pectoris	Elm Street.
April 4	Benjamin Thomas Morse	73	3	10	Cerebral Hemorrhage	No. Main Street.
April 5	Almira M. (Lincoln) Williams	78	8	12	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Beechwood Street.
April 6	(3) Charlotte (Hall) Merritt	79			Complication of Diseases	So. Main Street.
April 17	(7) Martha Jane (Murray) Lakin	61	4	10	Multiple R. R. Injuries	King Street
April 24	Manuel Grassie	72	3	27	Chronic Bronchitis	Border Street.
April 28	Levi Lincoln Nichols	73	7	4	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Beach Street.
April 29	Stuart Robson	67	1	25	Nephritis	New York, N. Y.
May 3	Clarissa (Chapman) Harris	80			Capillary Bronchitis	Beechwood Street.

May 11	David Gatchell Varney	57	10	4	Septicemia	Pleasant Street.
May 16	(8) Mary E. (Sears) Gammons	61	7		Heart Disease	So. Main Street.
May 17	Cordelia A. Taylor	86	4	6	Heart Disease	Hingham, Mass.
May 18	Granville Whittington Lothrop	71	1	16	Pneumonia	Atlantic Avenue.
May 30	Hannah W. Bates	83	11	18	Apoplexy	Middleboro.
June 4	Harry Irving Davis	5	9		Acute Nephritis	Pleasant Street.
June 14	(9) Francis Parker Appleton	80	10	12	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Atlantic Avenue.
June 14	Hannah Hobart Souther	56	10	9	Carcinomia of Breast	Highland Avenue.
June 21	Lavinia Augusta (Powers) Bates	66	4	22	Valvular Disease of Heart	Hull Street.
June 21	——— Tower				Immaturity	Beechwood Street.
June 21	——— Tower				Immaturity	Beechwood Street.
June 22	Ruth (Snow) Nichols	54	11	25	Chronic Gastritis	Beechwood Street.
June 29	(10) Anna (Hayden) Crosby	72	1	17	Arterial Sclerosis	Jerusalem Road.
July 13	(9) Henry Miles Knowles	52	8	13	Heart Disease	Atlantic Avenue.
Aug. 9	Richard Carr	7	4		Fracture of Skull	Boston, Mass.
Aug. 23	Rose Elizabeth Pratt		2	5	Cholera Infantum	Beechwood Street.
Sept. 1	Nancy (Kidder) Wentworth	83	5	15	Cerebral Hemorrhage	So. Main Street.
Sept. 2	(5) Manuel S. Brasill	84	5		Heart Disease	Atlantic Avenue.
Sept. 5	Aletia J. Arnold	62	4	13	Apoplexy	Hingham, Mass.
Sept. 22	Edward Henry McPhee			21	Diptheria	Summer Street.
Oct. 7	(11) Samuel Monroe	40			Hemoptysis	Lincoln Hillside.
Oct. 14	Sheldon Pratt Litchfield		2	14	Meningitis	Beechwood Street.
Oct. 16	Melissa Eastman Studley	61	8	14	Cancer of Liver	Atlantic Avenue.
Oct. 19	(12) George A. Williams	82	10		Hemorrhage	Cedar Street.
Oct. 31	——— Litchfield			1	None Colsure Foramen	Church Street.
Nov. 8	James W. Bell	71	8	28	Nephritis	Boston, Mass.
Nov. 20	(5) John Patrick Madden			22	Inanition	
Nov. 22	(13) J. Francis Brown	70		4	Peritonitis	Boston, Mass.
Nov. 27	(14) Levi Lincoln Minot	58	10	20	Bright's Disease	King Street.
Dec. 9	Nichols Tower	59	4	20	Apoplexy	Boston, Mass.
Dec. 18	Annette Mulvey		2	3	Inanition	Forest Avenue.
Dec 18	Mary Jane (App) Foster	73	10		Valvular Disease of Heart	Elm Street.
Dec. 28	Eliza Ann (Livingstone) Lincoln	75			Chronic Rheumatism	Elm Street.
Dec. 9	Charles L. Davis	22	3	9	Consumption	Brockton, Mass.

1. Buried at Provincetown. 2. Buried at Taunton. 3. Buried at Scituate. 4. Buried at Weymouth. 5 Buried at Hingham. 6. Buriedat Southport, Me. 7. Buried at Fall River. 8. East Dennis. 9. Buried at Cambridge. 10. Buried at Lowell. 11. Buried at Boston. 12. Buried at Cummington. 13. Buried at Chester, N. H. 14. Buried at Brockton.

The above list comprises sixty-one names, and includes sixteen who have died in other places who were either residents of this town or were brought here for burial.

Of the forty-five who died in this town twenty-six were males and nineteen were females, and their average age was fifty-two years, seven months and five days.

Twenty were born in Cohasset, three in Boston, five in Maine, one in Cummington, one in Provincetown, one in Weymouth, one in Hingham, one in Scituate, one in Hanover, one in Brewster, one in Montello, one in Haydenville, one in Lowell, one in Vermont, one in Pennsylvania, one in Virginia, and four in foreign countries.

Nine were under five years, one between five and ten, one between thirty and forty, two between forty and fifty, seven between fifty and sixty, five between sixty and seventy, fourteen between seventy and eighty, and six over eighty years of age.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE SELECTMEN

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1903.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1903.

The Selectmen in submitting their annual report of receipts and expenditures, would call attention to a few of the items. One of the claims for damages against the town on which a suit was brought in 1902, was also brought against the Superintendent of Streets early in 1903. Both cases were tried together before a Jury at the September term of the Superior Court at Plymouth, resulting in a verdict for the defendant town and as against the Superintendent of Streets, a disagreement of the Jury.

Two other claims for damages have been settled out of court as appears in the report. The widening of Beechwood Street in accordance with the order of the County Commissioners, has been commenced and continued until the weather shut off all outside work, the amount expended exceeding the appropriation some thirteen hundred dollars. The work is still uncompleted and a further appropriation will be needed, the amount of which will be made known at annual meeting. The Lincoln Hillside roads accepted by the town at the last annual meeting have been partly completed, the expense running over the appropriation $244.21, the balance of the work required can be done in connection with the repairs of highways and expense included in that appropriation. The southerly end of South Main Street has been rebuilt as a State Road, under the supervision of one of the State Engineers, the contract being taken by the town, and on completion accepted by the Highway Commissioners. This

gives the town after a few places in the center have been attended to, a stone road from the Scituate to the Hingham boundry lines, which will compare favorably with any roads built in the towns adjoining. Another item is the gift to the town by the Trustees of the estate of Robert C. Billings, of the sum of $8,000, for the improvement of the Pond and Common in the center of the town, and $2,000 for enlarging and improving of Pratt Park in Beechwood. The Common improvement we expected would be completed ere winter set in, but as soon as spring opens the work will be carried on to completion, and will add very much to attractiveness of the town Common. The Billings-Pratt Park as we have called it, has had the gravel and stone part of the filling put in, and in the early spring will be loamed, grass seed sown, and ere summer arrives will, we expect, be completed. The expenditures for these two places are shown in the report, though the town made no appropriation for them.

EXPENDITURES.

Town of Cohasset for the Year Ending December 31, 1903, by the Selectmen.

ABATEMENTS.

Paid abatement on taxes of 1896	$3 68	
Paid abatement on taxes of 1897	3 42	
Paid abatement on taxes of 1898	3 74	
Paid abatement on taxes of 1899	4 22	
Paid abatement on taxes of 1900	9 80	
Paid abatement on taxes of 1901	9 60	
Paid abatement on taxes of 1902	248 79	
Paid abatement on taxes of 1903	1,709 28	
		$1,992 53

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Warren F. Snow, disinfecting	$30 00	
George P. Tower, disinfecting	7 50	
Dr. Oliver H. Howe, services and expenses . . .	26 05	
Litchfield's Express . .	2 00	
Floretta Vining, advertising	40 00	
State Board of Health, culture tubes . . .	2 00	
Joseph A. Valine, burying dead animal . . .	1 00	
Melvin & Badger, disinfectant	7 80	
Harry F. Tilden, team .	1 00	
Estate A. C. Bates, Columbian spirits . . .	1 10	
Joseph Jason, Jr., towing whale	20 00	

Paid Joseph Jason, burying horse	$10 00	
Philander Bates, services .	20 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, services	20 00	
Herbert A. Tilden, services	20 00	
		$208 45

BEECHWOOD STREET WIDENING.

Paid White & Wetherbee, C. E. .	$37 40	
Dorrie Davis, labor . .	20 00	
Walter P. Bates, labor .	39 07	
Percy C. Sargent, labor .	11 00	
Waldo C. Locke, labor, etc.	119 63	
John R. Bean, labor . .	24 25	
Lewis C. Wheelwright, labor	88 63	
Fred Fuller, labor . .	16 00	
Moore & Co., drilling and blasting	1,875 54	
Frank W. Wheelwright, labor	276 26	
John Kennedy, labor . .	92 00	
Augustus Bennett, labor .	24 79	
F. A. Neves, labor . .	13 65	
Frank Beiler, labor . .	56 29	
Harry W. Burbank, labor .	55 00	
Francis Kennedy, labor .	12 25	
Antoine Francis, labor .	29 75	
William Lee, labor . .	34 12	
Manual L. Botailyo, labor .	31 94	
William H. Bates, Jr., labor	44 75	
Clarence E. Wilbur, labor .	3 50	
George F. Higgins, posts, etc.	80 30	
John W. Bates, labor, etc. .	41 63	
William St. John, labor .	21 00	
Samuel L. Williams, labor .	42 00	
Benjamin Shaw & Co., stone	43 35	
George W. Mealy, labor, etc.	38 25	

Paid Thomas A. Stevens, labor, etc.	$36 00
Stephen Reilly, labor . .	22 50
Joseph Caton, labor . .	2 63
Fred G. James, labor . .	80 00
Frank M. Nichols, smithing	11 94
Harry O. Wood, labor .	30 62
Samuel V. Hardwick, labor .	15 13
George F. Sargent, labor .	24 78
Frank Stoddard, labor, etc. .	35 78
Herbert L. Brown, gravel .	4 50
James Dalton, labor . .	36 75
Cyrus W. Bates, labor, etc.	74 25
Charles H. Hackett, covering logs	18 00
Thomas W. Whitcomb, labor, etc.	15 25
Mary E. Bates, sand . .	6 00
Charles A. Gross, rendrock	12 08
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	7 15
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber .	21 81
Eben S. Pratt, land damage	350 00
George W. Mealy, land damage	100 00
Esther E. Lincoln, land damage	225 00
Estate Anthony Anderson, land damage . . .	75 00
Estate Joseph C. Anderson, land damage . . .	75 00
Joseph Caton, land damage .	75 00
Edwin G. Stewart, land damage	110 00
Estate Gustavus P. Pratt, land damage . . .	135 00
Thomas A. Stevens, land damage	185 00

Paid Waldo C. Locke, land damage	$20 00	
Thomas A. Bates, land damage	20 00	
Frank W. Wheelwright, land damage	135 00	
Levi and Thomas Lincoln, land damage . . .	15 00	
George F. Hayden, land damage	100 00	
Ellery C. Bates, land damage	30 00	
Estate Ezekiel Bates, land damage	150 00	
Harriet W. Curtis, land damage	30 00	
Samuel E. Pratt, land damage	90 00	
Lot W. Bates, land damage	75 00	
Ellen G. Wood, land damage	200 00	
Georgianna and Ella M. Bates, land damage . . .	50 00	
Mary E. Bates, land damage	55 00	
Aaron Pratt, land damage .	300 00	
Elmer E. Bates, land damage	15 00	
Edwin Bates, land damage .	114 00	
		$6,356 52

BILLINGS-PRATT PARK.

Paid William W. Bates, labor, etc.	$122 86	
Wilbur Ainslie, labor .	9 18	
Benjamin Shaw & Co., stone	96 00	
Edwin Bates, labor, etc. .	11 25	
Augustus Bennett, labor .	1 75	
Thomas W. Whitcomb, labor, etc.	49 00	
John W. Bates, labor, etc. .	44 00	
George F. Sargent, Jr., labor	5 38	
Herbert W. Apts, labor .	5 25	

Paid Elmer E. Bates, labor, etc. .	$73 21	
Manuel A. Silvia, labor .	17 20	
Levi Lincoln, labor, etc. .	27 00	
George E. Ainslie, labor .	7 00	
Ira N. Pratt, labor, etc. .	48 96	
Joseph W. Whitcomb, labor, etc.	48 96	
Herbert W. Sargent, labor .	8 75	
Horace J. Damon, labor .	39 25	
Harry O. Wood, labor .	10 50	
Cyrus W. Bates, labor, etc.,	15 75	
Herbert L. Brown, oil, etc. .	1 96	
		$643 21

BRIDGES.

Paid Billings, King & Co., paint	$36 00	
Harry W. Lincoln and others, labor	104 26	
Harry L. Willard, Jr., teaming	5 00	
Leroy Mott, float stage .	2 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., manila, etc.	5 40	
		$152 66

CATTLE INSPECTION.

Paid Darius W. Gilbert, V. S. .		$200 00

COMMON AND SCHOOLHOUSE LOT.

Paid Thomas Mulcahy, labor .	$6 00	
Benj. F. Morse, labor, etc. .	85 75	
Charles E. Tyer, labor .	60 50	
Clarence E. Wilbur, labor .	7 00	
Edward L. Brickett, repairing mower . . .	12 05	
		$171 30

COMMON IMPROVEMENT.

Paid Walter B. Foster, C. E. .	$500 00	
Michael J. O'Hearn, contractor	5,000 00	
		$5,500 00

CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES.

Paid Frank W. Wheelwright in full	$100 00	
Lot W. Bates in full . .	200 00	
		$300 00

ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAW.

Paid J. W. McAnarney, counsel fees	$108 00	
M. William Silvia, services and expenses . . .	276 80	
John Roche, services and expenses	50 50	
B. W. Meservey, carriage hire	7 00	
		$442 30

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid orders of Fire Engineers .	$1,882 57

FIRE DEPARTMENT—SPECIAL.

Paid Edmund D. Studley for land and building at North Cohasset . . .	$1,100 00

GAME APPROPRIATION.

Paid William O. Souther, Jr., of committee	$125 00

HENRY BRYANT POST 98, G. A. R.

Paid William F. Thayer, Quartermaster	$100 00

HIGHWAYS.

Paid Superintendent of Streets .		$9,000 00

See report of the Superintendent of Streets on page 80.

LINCOLN HILLSIDE ROADS.

Paid Joseph Frates, labor . .	$43 00	
Joseph M. Silvia, labor .	43 00	
Manuel L. Botailyo, labor .	133 50	
Harry W. Burbank, labor .	88 00	
John J. Silvia, labor . .	43 00	
Frank M. Nichols, smithing	30 64	
John Kennedy, labor . .	123 00	
Joseph F. Bandura, labor .	50 00	
Fred G. James, labor . .	100 00	
Herbert R. Gott, labor .	17 50	
Manuel S. Leonard, teaming	167 70	
William H. Bates, Jr., labor	17 00	
Manuel R. Silvia, labor .	137 00	
Walter B. Foster, C. E. .	95 85	
Charles A. Gross, rendrock .	13 52	
William St. John, labor .	46 00	
Richard N. Harre, stone .	3 00	
William Mulvey, teaming .	25 00	
George W. Mealy, teaming .	67 50	
		$1,244 21

LIBRARIES.

Paid Treasurer Cohasset Free Public Library . . .	$1,000 00	
Treasurer do., interest on church site fund . .	350 00	
Treasurer Nantasket Library	100 00	
		$1,450 00

LAW SUITS.

Paid Tower, Talbot & Hiler, legal services and expenses, together with expert testimony in Griffin case . .	$275 00	
Daniel N. Tower, C. E., in Griffin case . . .	6 60	
Benjamin F. Morse, Griffin case	10 80	
Harry W. Burbank, Griffin case	10 00	
Manuel P. Valine, Griffin case	7 20	
Newcomb B. Tower, Griffin case	8 00	
Dr. Charles B. Bridgham .	75 00	
		$392 60

LEGAL COUNSEL.

Paid Tower, Talbot & Hiler, services and expenses on account improvement of Cohasset harbor	$130 00	
Paid Tower, Talbot & Hiler, services and expenses in sundry matters	185 94	
		$315 94

MILITARY AID.

Paid Robert L. Curtis . .	$144 00	
Warren Newcomb . .	144 00	
Willie F. Thayer . .	96 00	
		$384 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Charles E. McKenzie, ball field 1902 . . .	$26 47	
George Jason, ball field, 1902	36 00	

Paid Frank W. Browne, fencing ball field . . .	$35 00
Abbie H. Souther, postage	38 91
William J. Brennock, keeper lockup	10 00
William J. Brennock, watching prisoners . . .	22 00
Dr. Oliver H. Howe, return of births . . .	4 75
Daniel B. Francis, repairing pump	4 40
Harry F. Tilden, team for constables . . .	34 75
Harry F. Tilden, sundry accounts	5 15
Harry F. Tilden, storage hearse	55 00
Harry F. Tilden, team for Town Clerk . . .	2 50
Harry F. Tilden, team for Registrars of Voters .	2 50
M. William Silvia, court fees	147 52
Luther J. Bates, distributing reports	7 00
William O. Souther, Jr., labor on fish ways . . .	15 00
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber for fish ways . . .	10 85
Charles Sprague, burying dog	2 00
Harry W. Lincoln, painting town clock . . .	49 63
Charles V. Barnes, labor on town clock . . .	5 50
William T. Tilden, labor on town clock . . .	5 50

Paid Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, paint, etc., for town clock	$24 21
Est. A. C. Bates, paint, etc., for town clock . . .	16 14
E. D. Burdakin, copy of R. E. transfers . . .	20 00
George L. Davenport, C. E., surveying . . .	16 00
John W. Bates, team for officer	6 00
Carter, Rice & Co., legal cap paper	4 50
A. Shuman, suit for officer .	25 25
George F. Higgins, dam Nichols road . . .	1 50
George F. Higgins, signs .	1 00
George F. Higgins, repairing wagon	25 85
George F. Higgins, repairing park fence . . .	7 10
E. Howard Co., repairing town clock . . .	9 00
Horace J. Stevens, list for Assessors . . .	75 00
Annie F. Merrick, meals at lockup	2 40
W. J. Brennen, meals at lockup	75
Fred C. Higgins, repairing damage to boat . .	16 06
L. J. Richards Co., atlas .	25 00
Sidney L. Beal, court fees .	2 46
Frank Sidney, bounty for seal	3 00
Cobb, Eastman & Co., dictionary stand . . .	5 25

Paid George L. Davenport, C. E., running town lines . .	$6 00
Harry L. Willard, Jr., team for Assessors . . .	7 50
Harry L. Willard, Jr., team for Selectmen . . .	10 00
Harry L. Willard, Jr., team for Constables . . .	19 50
Kimball's Hotel, lunch for election officers . .	10 00
George Young, care of Nichols road tide gate . .	12 00
Harry W. Lincoln, reeving halyards	2 50
Globe-Wernicke Co., cabinet, etc.	22 00
Dr. H. E. Fernald, attendance upon officer . .	18 00
Dr. H. E. Fernald, return of births	7 00
Levi L. Worrick, digging test-holes . . .	2 00
Manuel E. Salvador, use of dory	2 00
Charles A. Gross, crackers, etc., for tramps. . .	25
City of Quincy, use of lock-up	2 50
Samuel D. Tower, painting signs	12 75
Nathaniel W. Treat, Sandy Cove drain . . .	30 63
Nathaniel W. Treat, Jr., Sandy Cove drain . .	18 50
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, etc. for drain . . .	17 78

Paid William T. Tilden, care of town clock . . .	$30 00
William T. Tilden, putting up election booths . .	3 00
"The Cliff," dinner for Commissioners 1897, etc. .	6 00
Estate A. C. Bates, flagstaff halyards	5 00
Tower Bros. & Co., flagstaff halyards	2 65
Tower Bros. & Co., padlock for pound . . .	90
Harry F. Tilden, recording 55 births	27 50
Harry F. Tilden, recording 23 marriages . . .	4 60
Harry F. Tilden, recording 64 deaths . . .	12 80
Harry F. Tilden, administering 20 oaths . . .	5 00
Harry F. Tilden, issuing 46 burial permits . . .	6 90
Harry F. Tilden, issuing 4 death certificates . .	1 00
Harry F. Tilden, paid for printing	4 50
Harry F. Tilden, stationery and stamps . . .	3 00
Harry F. Tilden, paid expressage	1 00
Philander Bates, perambulating lines	5 00
Herbert A. Tilden, perambulating lines . . .	5 00

Paid Newcomb B. Tower, typewriting, etc. . . .	$15 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, writing and recording deed . .	2 90	
Newcomb B. Tower, expressage, etc. paid . . .	2 40	
Arthur P. Safford, C. E., Little Harbor . . .	217 09	
H. W. Clark, chemist, etc. .	12 00	
		$1,380 65

POLICE.

Paid Thomas Mannix . . .	$648 00	
John J. Grassie . . .	730 00	
Sidney L. Beal . . .	474 50	
Frank Jason . . .	462 00	
Manuel P. Valine . .	378 00	
		$2,692 50

POLICE—SPECIAL.

Paid M. William Silvia . .	$130 00	
William J. Brennock . .	40 00	
Sidney L. Beal . . .	40 00	
		$210 00

PRINTING.

Paid Gazette Publishing Co., reports	$196 40	
Gazette Publishing Co., warrants, etc. . . .	20 50	
George W. Southworth, Assessors' books . . .	5 25	
Bound Brook Press, circulars, etc.	15 50	
P. M. Leavitt, poll tax list .	8 53	
A. L. Winship & Co., notices	3 50	
		$249 68

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Paid Treasurer of School Committee, appropriation	$16,100 00	
Treasurer of School Committee, interest of Ripley fund	40 00	
Treasurer of School Committee, dog tax . . .	307 63	
		$16,447 63

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid orders of Superintendent of Streets	$1,510 28

For itemized account see page 80.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Treasurer, State tax .	$4,850 00	
State Treasurer, Park tax .	468 43	
State Treasurer, Highway tax	62 46	
County Treasurer, County tax	4,393 97	
		$9,774 86

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Cohasset Electric Co. .	$5,370 00

STREET SPRINKLING.

Paid Hingham Water Co., water .	$133 00
Hingham Water Co., stand pipes	15 00
Cohasset Water Co., stand pipe	40 32
Willard J. Coombs, painting tanks	12 10
Lot W. Bates, ground rent, tank	15 00
Lot W. Bates, ground rent, tank for 1902 . . .	15 00

Paid Joseph E. Grassie, ground rent, tank . . .	$15 00
Lot W. Bates, water cart .	6 00
Russell B. Murray, contract .	500 00
George Jason, contract .	385 00
Joseph Jason, contract .	350 00
Harry F. Tilden, contract .	385 00
Oliver H. Bates, contract .	445 00
Joseph Jason, extra . .	10 00
Harry F. Tilden, extra .	10 00
Harry F. Tilden, use of wagon	40 00
Harry F. Tilden, storage of wagon 2 seasons . .	12 00
American Tool & Machine Co., repairs . . .	12 19
George F. Higgins, repairs on wagons . . .	79 00
George F. Higgins, repairs on pump	1 25
George F. Higgins, brake for wagon	30 00
Henry E. Brennock, belting	8 95
Henry E. Brennock, labor, etc.	51 75
Harry L. Willard, Jr., team	16 00
Joseph A. Valine, tending pump	5 00
Michael Donahue, repairing and painting wagon . .	37 85
Samuel D. Tower, painting wagons, etc . . .	52 50
Joseph Jason, storing wagons	6 00
Frank Stoddard, repairing wagon	1 25

Paid Tower Bros. & Co., gasoline, etc.	$89 97	
Estate Allen C. Bates, batteries	2 20	
		$2,782 33

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' RELIEF.

Paid Margaret Nott . . .	$48 00	
Emily N. Phinney . .	72 00	
Leander W. Groce . .	96 00	
Mrs. Oliver D. Morey . .	204 00	
Dr. H. E. Fernald, attendance, Mrs. James Rooney . .	8 00	
Warren F. Snow, undertaker, burial of Levi L. Minot .	48 25	
John R. Colbraith, paid town of Dedham . . .	25 00	
		$501 25

STATE AID.

Paid Harriet J. Apts . . .	$48 00	
Martha Barnes . . .	48 00	
Clarinda R. Bennett . .	48 00	
Frederick N. Curtis . .	60 00	
Susan Curtis . . .	48 00	
Alfred Haskell . . .	72 00	
Rose A. DeSantos . .	48 00	
William F. Thayer . .	72 00	
Joseph E. Butman . .	25 00	
Mary Murphy . . .	48 00	
Manuel Prada . . .	54 00	
Frederick A. Pratt . .	55 00	
		$626 00

STATE ROAD.

Paid John Kennedy, labor . .	$12 00	
Manuel L. Botailyo, labor .	52 50	
Clarence E. Wilbur, labor .	54 25	
Frank M. Nichols, smithing .	12 95	
John S. Lane & Sons, broken stone	602 50	
Samuel L. Williams, labor .	49 00	
Antoine Francis, labor .	26 25	
William H. Bates Jr., labor	45 50	
William St. John, labor .	53 37	
Joseph E. Grassie, teaming .	19 63	
Gannett Estate, gravel .	5 70	
Frederick G. James, labor .	66 00	
Frederick G. James, sundry small bills . . .	8 75	
William Mulvey, teaming .	40 50	
John E. Frates, masonry .	18 00	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co. car service . . .	13 00	
Louis T. Cushing, team .	67 88	
George W. Mealy, team .	44 75	
Stephen Reilly, engineer .	60 00	
James Dalton, labor . .	9 63	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	23 81	
Tower Bros. & Co., drain-pipe, cement, etc. . .	91 74	
		$1,377 71

STRAITS' POND.

Paid Andrew H. Prouty, labor .	$9 00	
William H. Bates, labor .	8 00	
Henry E. Brennock, labor .	16 75	
Harry L. Willard, Jr., team	11 00	

Paid Alfred Beal, care of gate .	$80 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, etc.	17 38	
		$142 13

TOWN HALL.

Paid William T. Tilden, Janitor .	$400 00	
William T. Tilden, labor .	8 25	
William T. Tilden, supplies	5 60	
Charles V. Barnes, labor .	6 88	
Cohasset Electric Co., lighting	182 48	
Caleb Lothrop, agent, insurance	67 50	
Philander Bates, agent, insurance	45 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	84 07	
William J. Brennock, painting	20 00	
Harry W. Lincoln and others, painting	264 56	
Elliot Stoddard & Son, stucco work	27 52	
Agnes Mulvey, cleaning .	4 00	
George F. Higgins, repairs .	3 00	
D. H. Wood, labor . .	4 90	
Edgar J. Pratt, repairs .	2 95	
Estate A. C. Bates, labor and materials . . .	179 37	
Tower Bros. & Co., paint, coal, etc. . . .	279 55	
		$1,585 63

TREE WARDEN.

Paid orders of the Tree Warden .	$106 68

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Philander Bates, Selectman, services and expenses .	$186 75
Assessor, services and expenses	228 50
Newcomb B. Tower, Selectman, services and expenses	150 00
Assessor, services and expenses	210 00
Corporation and Bank taxes, services on . . .	40 00
Herbert A. Tilden, Selectman, services and expenses	160 00
Assessor, services and expenses	220 00
Corporation and bank taxes, services on . . .	20 00
Abraham H. Tower, Treasurer and Collector . .	600 00
Philander Bates, additional as Superintendent of Streets to March 1, 1903, as per vote	200 00
Harry F. Tilden, Town Clerk	75 00
Harry F. Tilden, Registrar of Voters . . .	23 00
Caleb F. Nichols, Registrar of Voters . . .	23 00
John L. Pratt, Registrar of Voters	23 00
Cornelius O'Keef, Registrar of Voters . . .	23 00
John M. Damon, election officer	3 50

Paid John Roche, election officer	$3 50	
George Jason, election officer	3 50	
George P. Neagle, election officer	3 50	
Manuel S. Enos, Constable 1902	25 00	
Manuel S. Enos, Constable .	15 00	
Sidney L. Beal, Constable .	26 50	
John Roche, Constable .	67 00	
John J. Grassie, Constable .	53 00	
Thomas Mannix, Constable .	54 00	
Paul J. Bates, Sealer of Weights and Measures .	50 00	
Wentworth J. Earl, Auditor	25 00	
Joseph Jason, Jr., Harbor Master	25 00	
		$2,536 75

WATER FOR HYDRANTS.

Paid Hingham Water Co. . .	$175 00	
Cohasset Water Co. . .	2,850 00	
		$3,025 00

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN

December 31, 1903.

OSGOOD SCHOOLHOUSE DEBT, ISSUED JAN. 1, 1901.

Note to Cohasset Savings Bank, due 1904 .	$1,375 00
" " " " " " 1905 .	1,375 00
" " " " " " 1906 .	1,375 00
" " " " " " 1907 .	1,375 00
" " " " " " 1908 .	1,375 00
" " " " " " 1909 .	1,375 00
" " " " " " 1910 .	1,375 00
	$9,625 00

DEMAND LOAN.

Cohasset Savings Bank, 3 Notes, 1896 . .	$12,000 00
" " " 2 Notes, 1897 . .	10,000 00
" " " 3 Notes, 1898 . .	10,000 00
" " " 2 Notes, 1902 . .	10,000 00
" " " 1 Notes, 1903 . .	5,000 00
	$47,000 00

HINGHAM INSTITUTE FOR SAVINGS.

Demand Note, March 5, 1903, at 4½ per cent.	$10,000 00
Total Interest Bearing Debt . .	$66,925 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN

December 31, 1903.

Due from Commonwealth for State and Military Aid	$818 00
City of Boston, assistance rendered poor	28 59
City of Cambridge, assistance rendered poor	78 42
City of Brockton, assistance rendered poor	170 00
Town of Scituate, assistance rendered poor	96 00
Town of Deerfield, assistance rendered poor	18 20
Charles H. Willard, assistance rendered son	1,081 75
Julia A. Glynn, assistance . .	641 66
Frank E. Salvador . . .	40 00
Pumping Plant, Border street .	800 00

Due from Pumping Plant, Beechwood street	$500 00
Four sprinkling wagons . .	950 00
Odorless excavator . . .	400 00
Steam roller and building . .	2,000 00
Two water tanks, North Main street	150 00
Balance in treasury	20,894 74
	$28,667 36
Total debt of town	66,925 00
Deduct assets	28,667 36
Net debt	$38,257 64

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Valuation of real estate, May 1, 1902	$3,240,889 00
Valuation of personal estate, May 1, 1902	3,083,746 00
Total valuation, May 1, 1902	$6,324,635 00
Valuation of real estate, May 1, 1903	$3,442,597 00
Valuation of personal estate, May 1, 1903	3,064,947 00
Total valuation, May 1, 1903	$6,507,544 00
Total increase in valuation, May 1, 1903	$182,909 00
Number of polls, May 1, 1903 .	636
State tax, 1903	$4,850 00
Metropolitan Park tax, 1903 . .	468 43
State highway tax, 1903 . .	62 46
County tax, 1903	4,393 97
Town grant, 1903	56,920 00
Overlayings, 1903 . . .	652 58
Total tax assessed, 1903 .	$67,347 44

Total rate per $1,000, 1903 . .	$10 00
Number of persons assessed, 1903 .	1133
Number of persons assessed on property, May 1, 1903 .	846
Number of persons assessed poll tax only	287
Population, June 1, 1903, U. S. Census	2759
Number of dwellings assessed, 1903	678
Number of horses assessed, 1903 .	438
Number of cows assessed, 1903 .	253
Number of neat cattle assessed, 1903	45
Number of swine assessed, 1903 .	62
Number of fowl assessed, 1903 .	1624
Number of sheep assessed, 1903 .	0

ESTIMATES.

Amounts as estimated by the Selectmen required for the current expenses of the town for the year 1904 :—

For payment of debt	$1,375 00
payment of interest	3,000 00
support of schools	14,000 00
transportation of scholars . . .	2,000 00
support and relief of poor . . .	6,000 00
highways and sidewalks . . .	9,000 00
electric lights	5,400 00
water for hydrants, etc. . . .	3,200 00
watering streets	2,500 00
soldiers' and sailors' relief . . .	550 00
town officers	3,500 00
night police	2,600 00
special police	250 00

For fire department	$1,000 00
removing snow	1,000 00
public libraries	1,900 00
Memorial day	100 00
printing	300 00
military aid	200 00
inspection of cattle	100 00
town hall	1,200 00
Board of Health	200 00
Tree Warden	200 00
incidentals	1,200 00
town common	300 00
Straits pond	150 00
	$61,225 00

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN

During the Year 1903.

March, Willie F. Thayer, Grand Juror.
April, John L. Jason, Superior Court.
September, Caleb Nichols, Superior Court.
December, Edwin Bates, Superior Court.
December, Frederic L. Lincoln, Superior Court.
December, George W. Pratt, Superior Court.
January, 1904, Waldo C. Locke, Superior Court.

LIST OF JURORS

Submitted by the Selectmen to the town for its acceptance or revision at the annual Town Meeting in March, 1904:

William C. Appleton,
George E. Antoine,
Walter D. Brooks,
Edgar W. Bates,
Franklin Beal,
Joseph S. Bigelow, Jr.

W. De Ford Bigelow,
Fred C. Blossom,
James E. Brennock,
Cyrus H. Bates,
Charles T. Bourne,
Augustus S. Burgess,
Willard J. Coombs,
B. Preston Clark,
Charles H. Cousens,
William E. Crocker,
John Fleming,
John E. Frates,
Edwin L. Furber,
Joseph E. Grassie,
George W. Groce,
Herbert R. Gott,
Charles H. Hackett,
Joshua F. Higgins,
John W. Hunt,
George Jason,
Joseph St. John,
John T. Keating,
Henry B. Kimball,
Hudson W. Kelley,
Elijah F. Lincoln,
Charles C. Lincoln,
Matthew Luce,
James J. McElroy,
Henry L. McMahon,
Frank F. Martin, Jr.
Guy L. Millard,
Louis J. Morris,
Henry R. Nickerson,
George P. Neagle,
Joseph W. Osborne,
John J. A. Pratt,
Thomas A. Roche,
William S. Valine,
Frank W. Wheelwright.

REPORT OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

For the year ending, December 31, 1903.

The Overseers in submitting this annual report would call attention to the need of a better water supply for the Almshouse. The wells during the summer season do not give a sufficient supply, and it has to be carted in barrels. The State Board of Charities has called our attention to this matter several times, urging that something be done to remedy the deficiency. The Overseers are of the opinion that a well might be driven near the top of the hill and a windmill to pump the water to tank be purchased, and thus supply the deficiency. The matter will be investigated and an estimate of the expense made and be brought before the town at the annual meeting.

The insane poor are to be taken in charge by the State Board of Insanity from January 1st, 1904.

We have been called upon by the town of Scituate to pay the expense of a small-pox case where the patient had settlement in our town. A portion of the bills presented in our judgment, on examination, did not belong to Cohasset to pay, and the amount as per report was all it seemed to us we should pay.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT. DEBIT.

Paid Charles E. McKenzie, smithing, 1902	$34 50
Charles E. McKenzie, smithing	39 75
Alban D. Gillis, smithing '02	22 25

Paid Alban D. Gillis, smithing .	$3 50
George F. Higgins, smithing	34 75
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	2 38
Harry F. Tilden, grain .	206 89
Harry F. Tilden, team .	24 00
Joseph St. John, groceries, etc.	182 98
Philander Bates, boots and shoes	49 05
Cohasset Supply Co., groceries	212 38
Frank E. Winslow, meats .	240 80
Herbert C. Bates, labor .	44 37
George W. Tinkham, Supt., salary	650 00
Arthur H. Thayer, meats .	99 37
Dr. Oliver H. Howe, medical attendance . . .	9 00
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	39 09
E. H. Vining, clothing .	34 47
Joseph Jason, team . .	6 25
Charles A. Gross, groceries .	112 80
Mercy G. Seaverns & Co., bedding, etc. . . .	6 75
"Massachusetts Ploughman"	2 00
Frank W. Browne, medicines	42 25
Thomas W. Whitcomb, slaughtering, etc. . .	12 50
William H. H. Hancock, repairing clock . . .	2 25
Danforth P. Sylvester, fish, etc., ...	49 30
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, groceries, etc. . . .	195 41
George K. Nickerson, meats	109 03

Paid Estate Frances H. Nichols, dry goods . . .	$65 10	
Estate Allen C. Bates, sundries	51 90	
Pitts Kimball Co., clothing .	3 96	
Torrey & Baker, clothing .	21 00	
Charles Joseph, cutting wood	57 75	
James McDonald, cutting wood	12 00	
Cyrus W. Bates, beach right	5 00	
Samuel G. James, use of stock	2 00	
George H. Roberts, photographs	2 50	
S. Austin Poole, bull . .	25 00	
Horace E. Sampson, manure	5 00	
Russell B. Murray, manure	19 35	
John Varnum, labor . .	10 00	
Howe Bakery, pastry . .	3 25	
Litchfield's Express, expressing	1 25	
Arthur Merritt, filing saws .	2 40	
Harry White, fish . .	2 25	
Cash to inmates . . .	16 82	
Total debit . . .		$2,774 60

SERVICES OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR AT ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Philander Bates, Overseer of the Poor	30 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, Overseer of the Poor . .	27 50	
Herbert A. Tilden, Overseer of the Poor . . .	30 00	
		$87 50

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT. CREDIT.

Received from Levi L. Worrick, pasturage . . .	$15 00
William F. Thayer, pasturage	9 00
Samuel E. Pratt, pasturage .	9 00
Russell B. Murray, pasturage	6 00
Town of Rockland, pasturage	8 00
Mrs. William O'Keef, pasturage	6 00
Charles Joseph, wood . .	5 00
George Lovering, wood .	2 50
David H. Stoddard, wood .	5 00
Thomas Loney, wood . .	5 00
William Brennen, wood .	3 50
Edgar W. Bates, pork . .	26 80
Levi L. Worrick, pork .	10 56
Levi L. Worrick, milk .	8 40
Joseph Busig, eggs . .	1 60
Frederick N. Curtis, potatoes	1 00
Patrick O'Keef, potatoes .	7 00
John Roche, potatoes . .	14 00
Samuel N. Thayer, potatoes	2 10
William F. Thayer, potatoes	7 00
Russell B. Murray, produce .	13 35
Edward F. Tyrer, produce .	24 02
Philander Bates, produce .	3 70
Louisa Burbank, wood .	54 00
Joseph F. Silvia, wood .	15 00
Charles Joseph, wood . .	5 00
Manuel R. Silvia, wood .	5 00
J. Percy Singer, wood .	5 00
Frederick N. Curtis, pork .	10 00
Arthur H. Thayer, pasturage	6 00
Frank E. Winslow, hay .	24 60

Received from Frank E. Winslow, fowl	$39 50	
Board of 385 tramps . .	154 00	
Cohasset Supply Co., produce, etc. . . .	10 62	
Herbert R. Gott, wood .	1 50	
Town team, removing snow .	16 25	
Abraham H. Tower, trustee, for board of John J. Lothrop	170 71	
Charles E. McKenzie, potatoes	2 00	
Total credit . . .		$712 71
Total, Almshouse debit, brought forward	$2,774 60	
Total, Almshouse credit, brought forward	712 71	
Net debit, Almshouse, exclusive of Overseer's services . .	$2,061 89	

The following persons have received their full support at the almshouse during the full year 1903 :

Michael Sweeney, John J. Lothrop, boarder,
William C. Hayden, Hester A. Harris,
John E. Groce, Edgar Harris,
John R. Colbraith.

Levi L. Minot, a soldier of the Civil war and a pensioner was cared for at the almshouse a few weeks.

Lillian F. Litchfield received full support at the almshouse the greater part of the year, and is an inmate at this time.

NUMBER OF TRAMPS LODGED IN 1903.

January,	64	May,	15	September,	14
February,	50	June,	9	October,	15
March,	54	July,	5	November,	38
April,	48	August,	9	December,	64
Total					385

PARTIAL SUPPORT RENDERED OUTSIDE THE ALMSHOUSE

For the Year Ending December 31, 1903.

Mrs. John J. Ainslie.

Paid Antoine J. Silvia, agent, house rent . . .	$96 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., fuel .	40 63	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	2 76	
Philander Bates, boots, etc.	9 50	
		$148 89

Joseph W. Almeida.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$21 35	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	13 86	
Aaron Pratt, wood . .	6 50	
Bates & Lincoln, wood .	4 00	
		$45 71

Rose Andrews.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$10 19	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	9 40	
Dr. H. E. Fernald, medical attendance . . .	9 00	
		$28 59

Henry L. Bates and family.

Paid the town of Rockland, assistance	$101 00	
The town of Whitman, assistance	69 65	
		$170 65

Lewis G. Bates and family.

Paid the town of Rockland, assistance	$23 50	
The town of Abington, assistance	40 00	
		$63 50

Mrs. Ephraim Battles.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer	$189 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	15 26	
Abigail Souther, nursing .	8 00	
Central Cemetery Association	4 00	
		$216 26

Oren A. Beal.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		$145 00

Lorenzo Beal.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		$20 00

Louisa Burbank and daughter.

Paid Lot W. Bates, house rent .	$48 00	
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	106 27	
Order on Town Treasurer .	15 00	
Dr. Oliver H. Howe, medical attendance . . .	1 50	
George F. Hayden, shoes .	2 85	
Samuel E. Pratt, milk .	10 75	
Almshouse, wood . .	54 00	
George K. Nickerson, meats	30 37	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	6 72	
		$275 46

Joseph F. Bandura and family.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$200 00	
Dr. Arthur J. Shaw, oculist	10 00	
Philander Bates, boots and shoes	23 70	

Paid Joseph St. John, groceries .	$10 00	
E. H. Vining, boots . .	1 00	
		$244 70

Gertrude Carlson and daughter.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$84 00	
Dr. Herbert E. Fernald, medical attendance . .	48 50	
Dr. Oliver H. Howe, medical attendance . . .	4 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	6 75	
Thomas Mulcahy, milk .	2 24	
Philander Bates, boots and shoes	15 35	
Mrs. Levi L. Nichols, house rent	36 00	
Frank E. Winslow, provisions	10 38	
Cohasset Supply Co., provisions	5 00	
		$212 22

City of Boston.

Paid for Edward McCarty . .	$110 00	
Annie F. Anderson . .	14 00	
Lena Anderson . . .	15 00	
		$139 00

Mrs. Michael Coyne and five children.

Paid Joseph St. John, groceries .	$264 94	
Mrs. C. M. B. Tower, house-rent	66 00	
Philander Bates, boots and shoes	33 85	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	12 50	
		$377 29

George J. Damon.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		$96 00

Jessie Dean.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		$40 00

Catherine L. Ford and three children.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$140 00	
Dr. Herbert E. Fernald, medical attendance . .	30 00	
		$170 00

Louis J. Frates and family.

Paid S. A. R. Pratt, house rent .	$84 00	
Town of Weymouth, assistance	20 00	
H. M. Curtis Coal Co., coal	6 75	
Order on Town Treasurer .	5 00	
		$115 75

Mary Frates.

Paid Thomas W. Whitcomb, rent	$45 50	
Joseph E. Frates, rent .	16 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., groceries	24 44	
Tower Bros. & Co., cash .	37 82	
Philander Bates, boots .	4 25	
		$128 01

Elizabeth Hammond.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer		$150 00

Mabel Hunt.

Paid city of Worcester, hospital bill		$20 00

Rebecca Litchfield and family.

Paid Aaron Pratt, wood . .	$5 50	
Charles H. Hackett, wood .	3 50	
		$9 00

William H. Litchfield.

Paid Main Street Grocery Co., No. Scituate . . .	$83 16	
Emeline A. Jacobs, house rent	60 00	

Paid Lincoln Bros., coal . .	$24 33	
Philander Bates, boots, etc.	6 00	
		$173 49

George F. Munnies.

Paid Philander Bates, shoes for son		$3 60

Mrs. Arthur Pratt.

Paid Mary Johnson, nursing .	$15 00	
Dr. Herbert E. Fernald, professional attendance .	19 00	
		$34 00

Southward Pratt.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$130 00	
Philander Bates, boots and repairing . . .	3 30	
		$133 30

Nathaniel R. Prouty.

Paid Philander Bates, boots .		$4 50

Mary Roderick and three children.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		$240 00

Joseph E. Smith.

Paid Lot W. Smith, house rent .	$12 00	
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	26 11	
		$38 11

Mrs. John Silvia and Son.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$156 00	
Central Cemetery Association	5 00	
		$161 00

Mrs. Julia E. Silvia and three children.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		$156 00

Mrs. George L. Smith.

Paid Town of Scituate, sundry bills	$310 65	
Frank W. Browne, medicine	15 05	
		$325 70

Manuel A. Silvia and wife.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries		$78 42

Charles H. Williams and four children.

Paid order on Town Treasurer .	$7 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	11 20	
		$18 20

Mrs. Joseph H. Wilson.

Paid Lot W. Bates, house rent .	$41 50	
Bates & Lincoln, wood .	8 00	
Harry L. Willard, Jr., team	16 00	
		$65 50

Antoine J. Vargus, Jr..

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$42 12	
Aaron Pratt, house rent .	45 50	
Peter Smith, house rent .	30 00	
Philander Bates, boots .	2 00	
		$119 62

Miscellaneous.

Paid John Roche, conveying pauper to Tewksbury . .	$11 75	
Cohasset Supply Co., food for shipwrecked sailors .	1 30	
Danforth P. Sylvester, food for shipwrecked sailors .	3 30	
		$16 35
Paid Dr. Charles B. Bridgham, Town Physician . .		$125 00
Total, outside partial support . . .		$4,508 82

Outside Partial Support—Credit.

Amount due from City of Boston	$28 59
due from City of Cambridge	78 42
due from City of Brockton .	170 00

Amount due from Town of Scituate	$96 00	
due from Town of Deerfield	18 20	
due from Arthur Pratt . .	34 00	
		$425 21
Net cost outside partial support . . .		$4,083 61

FULL SUPPORT OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1903.

Paid Medfield Insane Asylum for support of Rose A. Burgess .		$146 00
Paid Worcester Insane Asylum for support of Elizabeth J. Dady	$169 45	
Paid Worcester Insane Asylum for support of Julia Macomber	169 48	
		$338 93
Paid Taunton Insane Hospital for support of William Dean .	$25 92	
Paid Taunton Insane Hospital for support of Julia A. Glynn .	169 46	
Paid Taunton Insane Hospital for support of Lawrence E. Willard	169 46	
Paid Taunton Insane Hospital for support of James Apts .	127 78	
		$492 62
Lillian F. Litchfield and child.		
Paid Mrs. Mary Hannaford, board	$141 00	
Dr. E. N. Mayberry, medical attendance . . .	40 00	
Elbridge Nash, medicines, etc.	12 27	
Sundry items, expenses, etc.	7 50	
		$200 77
Total outside full support		$1,178 32

Outside Full Support—Credit.

Amount due from Charles H. Willard	$169 46	
due from Julia A. Glynn .	169 46	
		$338 92
Outside full support, debit . .	$1,178 32	
Outside full support, credit .	338 92	
Net cost, outside full support	$839 40	

Services and expenses of the Overseers of the Poor, Outside Almshouse.

Paid Philander Bates, services and expenses	$53 35
Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses . . .	48 00
Herbert A. Tilden, services and expenses . . .	45 00
	$146 35

Summary and Cost of Support and Assistance to Poor.

Almshouse account, net . .	$2,061 89
Partial support, outside, net .	4,083 61
Full support, outside, net . .	839 40
Overseers of the Poor, services, etc	233 85
Total . . .	$7,218 75

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
HERBERT A. TILDEN,
Overseers of the Poor.

Cohasset, December 31, 1903.

RECAPITULATION, 1903.

ITEMS.	Page.	Orders Drawn.	Credits.	Net Expenditures.	Appropriations.	With No Appropriation.	Excess of Appropriation.	Less Than Appropriation.
Abatements	37	$1,992 53		$1,992 53		$1,992 53		
Board of Health	37	208 45		208 45	$200 00		$8 45	
Beechwood Street Widening	38	6,356 52		6,356 52	5,000 00		1,356 52	
Billings Pratt Park	40	643 21		643 21	*2,000 00			$1,356 79
Bridges	41	152 66		152 66		152 66		
Cattle Inspection	41	200 00		200 00	200 00			
Common and Schoolhouse Lot	41	171 30		171 30	200 00			28 70
Common Improvement	42	5,500 00		5,500 00	*8,000 00			2,500 00
Claims for Damages	42	300 00		300 00		300 00		
Enforcement of Liquor Law	42	442 30	76 08	366 22	1,000 00			633 78
Fire Department	42	1,882 57		1,882 57	2,500 00			617 43
Fire Department, Special	42	1,100 00		1,100 00	2,000 00			900 00
Game Appropriation	42	125 00		125 00	300 00			175 00
Henry Bryant Post 98, G. A. R.	42	100 00		100 00	100 00			
Highways	43	9,000 00		9,000 00	9,000 00			
Lincoln Hillside Roads	43	1,244 21		1,244 21	1,000 00		244 21	
Law Suits	44	392 60		392 60		392 60		
Legal Counsel	44	315 94		315 94		315 94		
Libraries	43	1,450 00		1,450 00	1,450 00			
Military Aid	44	384 00	192 00	192 00	200 00			8 00
Miscellaneous	44	1,380 65		1,380 65	1,200 00		180 65	
Police—Night	49	2,692 50		2,692 50	2,600 00		92 50	
Police—Special	49	210 00		210 00	250 00			40 00
Printing	49	249 68		249 68	300 00			50 32
Public Schools	50	16,447 36		16,447 63	16,447 63			

Removing Snow	50	1,510 28		1,510 28	1,000 00		510 28	
State and County Taxes	50	9,774 86		9,774 86	9,774 86			
Street Lights	50	5,370 00		5,370 00	5,520 00			150 00
Street Sprinkling	50	2,782 33	352 00	2,430 33	2,500 00			69 67
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	52	501 25		501 25	550 00			48 75
State Aid	52	626 00	626 00					
State Road	53	1,377 71	1,083 64	294 07		294 07		
Strait's Pond	53	142 13		142 13	150 00			7 87
Support and Relief of Poor	65	8,695 59	1,476 84	7,218 75	6,500 00		718 75	
Town Hall	54	1,585 63	267 75	1,317 88	1,300 00		17 88	
Town Officers	54	2,536 75		2,536 75	2,500 00		36 75	
Tree Warden	55	106 68		106 68	300 00			193 32
Water for Hydrants	56	3,025 00		3,025 00	3,175 00			150 00
Totals		$90,975 96	$4,074 31	$86,901 65	$87,217 49	$3,447 80	$3,165 99	$6,929 63

* From the estate of the late Robert C. Billings—a bequest.

PHILANDER BATES,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
HERBERT A. TILDEN,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

Cohasset, December 31, 1903.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:—The year just closed has been one of the busiest since my appointment. Being a member of the Board of Trustees of the Paul-Pratt Memorial Library by virtue of being Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the filling-in of the lot in front of the building was given in my charge by the trustees. Work was commenced in February and continued as weather permitted until the ledge was blasted, and lot filled with gravel and stone, loamed and seed sown, expending over $3,100, which was paid out in various sums to the town's laborers and owners of teams, gravel, stone loam and sods. The repairs of highways taken up early in the season by rebuilding the easterly portion of Hull street and needed repairs on Jerusalem Road, using in this work 738 tons of broken stone and 74 double loads of clay gravel. Two sections of South Main street were rebuilt with stone and gravel, one from the Catholic Church southerly to junction of Spring street, the other from near the residence of John M. Damon southerly to junction of Beechwood street, connecting with the section of State road built last year, using there and on other roads and sidewalks some 1,430 tons of broken stone of the three sizes.

Sumner street from the residence of R. W. Sankey to junction of Border street needs to be rebuilt and resurfaced with crushed stone the coming season.

I would recommend for repairs of highways and sidewalks the ensuing year the sum of $9,000.

Finding that with the new roads at Lincoln Hillside the

work of plowing the sidewalks was increased, that the center district was too large to be handled expeditiously, I have added one more plow and made three districts out of two former ones and the new roads, assigning one district to Harry F. Tilden, one to Joseph Jason, and the other to Harry L. Willard; the other districts remaining the same and in charge of the same persons as formerly.

The following is a list of payments for labor, teaming, crushed stone, gravel, stone curbing and paving blocks for highways and amounts paid for removing snow:

Paid Caleb Lincoln, labor, old accounts	$100 50
George Jason, team, 1902 .	41 00
William Mulvey, team, 1902 and 1903	70 75
John S. Lane & Sons, broken stone, 1903 . . .	1871 53
Philander Bates, due 1902 .	100 00
" " 1903 .	700 00
Gross & Nichols, 1902–3 .	52 93
Lincoln Bros., coal, 1902–3 .	70 67
Nathaniel W. Treat, labor, 1902	7 00
Samuel E. Pratt, team, 1902	13 65
Frank W. Wheelwright, team, 1902–3	92 00
Manuel R. Silva, labor, 1902	185 00
" " " 1903	207 38
Ames Plow Co., tools, 1903	6 90
Stephen Reilly, labor, 1902 .	268 10
" " " 1903 .	294 50
Levi Cadose, gravel, 1902 .	2 25
Benjamin Shaw & Co., stone, 1903	457 50

Paid	Lorenzo Beal, labor . .	$97 55
	Andrew H. Prouty, labor .	70 50
	Isaiah Lincoln, labor . .	6 00
	Sidney L. Beal, labor . .	62 67
	Thomas Loney, team and labor	71 89
	Manuel Botailyo, labor .	78 00
	Benjamin F. Morse, team and labor . . .	313 25
	John Kennedy, labor . .	121 00
	Manuel S. Leonard, team and labor	145 00
	Frank M. Nichols, smithing .	7 94
	Joseph F. Bandura, labor .	81 50
	Levi E. Tower, labor .	26 50
	Charles E. Nott, team and labor	23 35
	Louis T. Cushing, team and labor	140 00
	Joseph Jason, team and labor	82 25
	Fred. G. James, labor .	109 00
	Charles E. Tyrer, labor .	212 00
	Harry W. Burbank, labor .	62 00
	Thomas A. Stevens, team .	2 50
	Harry F. Tilden, team .	19 50
	Stephen R. Nichols, gravel .	40 30
	Joseph E. Grassie, team .	227 82
	Antoine Varjus, Jr., labor .	8 00
	Charles W. Gammins, trustee, gravel and team . .	83 68
	John Beale, gravel and broken stone	730 88
	Russell B. Murray, team .	279 54
	Joseph F. Priest, labor .	94 05
	Alson S. Richardson, labor .	134 07

Paid	George W. Groce, team	$150 00
	William H. Bates, labor	22 00
	Joseph Breck & Sons, tools	60 65
	Charles A. Claflin & Co., supplies	15 06
	George F. Higgins, smithing	47 74
	Oren A. Beal, labor	17 00
	Estate Alden Beal, team	122 50
	Thomas Reedy, labor	37 00
	Antoine E. Salvedor, labor	105 10
	Oliver H. Howe, medical attendance	11 75
	N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., car service	4 00
	William Lee, labor	29 00
	Charles Joseph, labor	12 00
	David W. Lewis, gratings	28 50
	Cyrus R. Keene, labor	5 00
	William H. Reed, damage to fence	1 50
	William H. Bates, Jr., labor	18 00
	Clarence E. Wilbur, labor	2 00
	Horace J. Damon, labor	3 50
	George W. Mealey, team	65 00
	Antoine Francis, labor	5 25
	Elmer E. Bates, team	17 00
	Michael Donahue, smithing	5 90
	Daniel DeMello, labor	2 00
	Aaron Pratt, gravel	4 20
	George F. Sargent, labor	54 47
	Frank Stoddard, team	54 25
	Ira N. Pratt, team	17 00
	Joseph W. Whitcomb, team	32 45
	Robert L. Curtis, labor	2 00

Paid Estate Allen C. Bates, supplies 1902–3 . . .	$91 64	
Lizzie A. Beal, cedar posts .	13 00	
Cyrus W. Bates, team .	11 67	
Thomas W. Whitcomb, team	4 00	
Harry O. Wood, labor .	3 00	
The Country Store, paint .	6 01	
Almshouse, team . .	2 50	
Alban D. Gillis, smithing .	15 10	
Tower Bros. & Co., supplies	28 86	
		$9,000 00

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid George F. Higgins, snow plows	$65 50	
Russell B. Murray, team and men	96 88	
John H. Cook, labor . .	8 75	
Charles E. Tyrer, labor .	1 00	
Frank E. Flint, labor . .	5 75	
Newton Burbank, labor .	5 00	
George W. Morse, labor .	1 95	
William O. Keefe, labor .	1 75	
Clarence E. Wilbur, labor .	6 00	
John Barnes, labor . .	4 00	
George Henry, labor . .	1 00	
Richard Caddan, Jr., labor .	3 00	
Carl Weisman, labor . .	3 00	
Benjamin F. Morse, labor .	8 00	
Thomas L. Bates, labor .	4 00	
James M. Dolan, labor .	4 74	
John Dolan, labor . .	2 00	
Thomas Reedy, labor . .	6 00	
Patrick Donahue, labor .	6 00	
Charles V. Barnes, labor .	4 00	

Paid	Bertrand Morse, labor . .	$2 00
	Thomas Curtis, labor . .	6 25
	Harry White, labor . .	3 25
	William White, labor . .	2 50
	Willie Barnes, labor . .	3 70
	John H. Wilbur, labor .	4 25
	Estate of Alden Beal, team and men	109 00
	Sidney L. Beal, labor . .	3 88
	Edward Morse, labor . .	9 50
	Charles Snell, labor . .	6 56
	Lorenzo Beal, labor . .	1 88
	Arthur A. Davenport, labor .	4 37
	Alfred F. West, labor .	5 31
	Paul O. Wade, labor . .	6 63
	John Bates, labor . .	3 00
	Walter Dyment, labor .	2 00
	Joseph F. Priest, labor .	2 50
	Joseph Ruso, labor . .	6 38
	Alson S. Richardson, labor .	10 25
	Charles W. Hunter, labor .	6 00
	H. Pratt, labor . . .	75
	A. Anderson, labor . .	75
	G. Phinney, labor . .	3 00
	W. Smith, labor . . .	4 00
	F. Penfold, labor . .	1 50
	Arthur Studley, labor . .	3 00
	L. Beal, labor . .	90
	Harry F. Tilden, team and men	50 50
	Andrew H. Prouty, labor .	7 50
	Daniel F. O'Brien, labor .	8 50
	James Davis, labor . .	1 80
	Edmund M. Cronican, labor	5 25
	James Mulcahy, labor .	3 75

Paid John Daley, labor	$3	75
Harry Donovan, labor	12	05
Louis J. Morris, labor	2	00
Albert W. Morris, labor	2	00
William Rooney, labor	5	00
James L. Rooney, labor	8	25
Patrick Downs, labor		50
Edward Reilley, labor	5	87
Joseph W. Osborne, labor		75
Michael Duffy, labor		75
George W. Morris, labor	2	00
Charles Joseph, labor	2	00
John Kennedy, labor	2	00
William Powers, labor	11	37
William Tilden, labor	1	00
Charles Rogers, labor	4	00
John E. F. Frates, labor	3	00
Herbert R. Gott, labor	2	00
Joseph R. Gott, labor	6	50
William Lee, labor	9	50
John T. Keating, labor	3	50
Joseph Leonard, labor	3	25
Michael Haley, labor	11	00
Manuel E. Salvedor, labor	3	75
John M. Pearson, labor	9	50
James M. Keating, labor	5	50
William St. John, labor		75
Joseph Jason, team and men	86	50
John Hughes, labor	1	50
Joseph E. Grassie, labor	19	00
Thomas L. Grassie, labor	6	00
Manuel A. Grassie, labor	6	00
Joseph J. Grassie, labor	6	00
Albert Grassie, labor	6	00

Paid	Frank F. Martin, Jr., labor	$9 50
	Willard I. Bean, labor .	7 25
	Peter F. Brennock, labor .	3 75
	John F. Smith, labor . .	9 50
	Joseph A. Silva, labor .	9 50
	Joseph M. Silva, labor .	6 00
	Charles I. Silva, labor . .	6 00
	John E. Frates, labor . .	1 50
	Frank Dorris, labor . .	3 75
	Herbert S. Sylvester, labor .	9 50
	Ray M. Souther, labor .	6 00
	Frank Sidney, labor . .	7 13
	George Jason, Jr., labor .	2 25
	James Wilson, labor . .	3 75
	Richard Cushing, labor .	1 50
	Royal Bates, labor . .	3 00
	Frank Pearson, labor . .	7 25
	Charles E. Jason, labor .	15 25
	Eddie Butman, labor . .	3 00
	Josie Enos, labor . .	90
	Walter Enos, labor . .	2 25
	Arthur Enos, labor . .	4 20
	Alfred Silva, labor . .	4 35
	Eddie Jason, labor . .	6 45
	William J. Brennock, labor .	75
	Albert J. Morris, labor .	6 00
	Lewis J. Bates, labor . .	19 75
	Frank D. Grassie, labor .	14 00
	Richard Cadden, labor .	8 25
	John L. Jason, labor . .	21 75
	James Denithorne, Jr., labor	3 50
	William J. McNamara, labor	8 25
	Augustus Silva, labor . .	4 50
	Frank Jason, labor . .	4 50
	Henry R. Nickerson, labor .	16 50

Paid	John Gillis, labor	$8 25
	Manuel Oliver, labor	9 00
	Frank Oliver, labor	3 60
	John Oliver, labor	3 50
	Joseph Oliver, labor	2 68
	Joseph S. Enos, labor	5 35
	Ralph W. Litchfield, labor	1 75
	Fred C. Blossom, labor	3 50
	Joseph F. Bandura, labor	3 50
	Foster Cadose, labor	3 50
	John Flemming, labor	4 50
	George E. Antoine, labor	3 50
	Joseph Mannix, labor	2 25
	Andrew Bandura, labor	1 20
	Oscar Bandura, labor	2 45
	Willie Grassie, labor	1 20
	J. Loring Litchfield, labor	1 75
	James Fuller, labor	1 75
	Walter Fuller, labor	1 75
	Dennis Golden, labor	3 50
	Peter A. D. Peterson, labor	1 25
	Antoine Silva, labor	1 25
	John Silva, labor	1 25
	Manuel Silva, labor	1 25
	Thomas Grassie, labor	1 25
	Antoine Figuredo, labor	1 25
	William Crane, labor	30
	Freddie M. Grassie, labor	75
	Walter Antoine, labor	30
	John N. Thompson, labor	1 95
	Anthony Anderson, labor	75
	Almshouse, labor	16 25
	Patrick Keefe, labor	1 50
	L. Lincoln Worrick, labor	1 50
	Timothy S. Gale, labor	1 00

Paid William O. Souther, man and team	$75 00
Harry W. Burbank, labor .	5 50
Arthur S. Bates, labor .	8 50
Fred G. James, labor . .	9 25
William H. Bates, Jr., labor	10 50
Samuel L. Williams, labor .	8 50
Henry Williams, labor .	1 75
Edward F. Tyrer, labor .	8 75
Samuel Nichols, labor . .	3 00
Stephen Reilley, labor .	3 75
James O. McCormack, labor	10 50
William H. Reed, labor .	5 00
Harry Reed, labor . .	3 25
George Jason, labor . .	20 00
William Mulvey, labor .	10 00
Herbert C. Bates, labor .	4 00
Edward Mulvey, labor .	1 50
Samuel F. James, labor .	2 50
Samuel G. James, labor .	88
Elmer Williams, labor .	1 00
Samuel E. Pratt, team and men	41 51
John Vinal, labor . .	2 75
Fred Fuller, labor . .	3 88
Larry Silva, labor . .	3 00
Daniel DeMello, labor .	1 63
Walter Bates, labor . .	5 50
Frank Sargent, labor . .	5 25
Thomas F. Kinsley, labor .	50
George Odell, labor . .	2 50
Charles Bennett, labor .	1 88
C. R. Stoughton, labor .	5 25
Gustavus Pratt, labor .	4 00
William Pratt, labor . .	75

Paid	Elmer E. Bates, labor . .	$1 13
	John W. Bates, labor . .	4 88
	Waldo C. Locke, labor .	25
	Edwin W. Bates, labor .	63
	George Mitchell, labor .	75
	Herbert Apts, labor . .	75
	Thomas W. Whitcomb, labor	1 00
	Gustavus Bennett, labor .	1 88
	S. Chester Pratt, labor .	7 75
	Antoine Gonsalves, labor .	75
	George Weir, labor . .	1 00
	Minot Pratt, labor . .	1 31
	Spencer H. Stoughton, labor	1 25
	Sylvanus Naws, labor . .	75
	Charles Pratt, labor . .	1 63
	Thomas Cameron, labor .	1 13
	William Bean, labor . .	1 13
	William Smith, labor . .	1 13
	Frank Stoddard and others labor	9 24
	Harry L. Willard Jr., men and team	7 50
	Joseph F. Silvey, labor .	3 25
	Abraham J. Antoine, labor .	2 38
	Joseph A. Antoine, labor .	4 25
	Antoine Grassie, labor .	5 38
	Albert Antoine, labor .	3 25
	Timothy Donovan, labor .	4 25
	Arnie Peterson, labor .	5 25
	Manuel Sousa, labor . .	1 00
	Frank E. Salvedor, labor .	1 75
	Frank Salvedor, labor .	88
	Abraham Enos, labor .	1 18
	Walter McGrath, labor .	11 63
	Alfred Antoine, labor .	3 33

Arthur Donovan, labor .	$1 20	
Charles Frates, labor .	4 25	
John Sidney, labor . .	2 15	
Manuel P. Valine, labor .	2 75	
Clarence Silvey, labor .	7 50	
Joseph Silvia, labor .	1 13	
Joseph A. Anderson, labor .	3 25	
		$1,510 18

Respectfully submitted,
PHILANDER BATES, *Supt.*

REPORT OF

THE TOWN TREASURER,

TOGETHER WITH

The Reports of the Librarian and Treasurer of the Public Library, Auditor, Tree Warden and Board of Engineers.

Dr. 1903-1904. TOWN OF COHASSET, in Account

To paid Selectmens' orders for 1903, inclusive of Sailors' and Soldiers' Relief, Town aid, State and Military aid, and Abatement of Taxes	$64,403 47
School appropriation for 1903	16,100 00
Additional items on school account	347 63
Massachusetts State and Park taxes, 1903	5,380 89
Norfolk County, tax 1903	4,393 97
State Treasurer, 1-4th of 6th class license	25
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, note due 1903	3,400 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, Osgood School-house, note due 1903	1,375 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, balance of Bridge note given in 1897	1,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, on account of money hired in 1903	10,000 00
*Cohasset Free Public Library, interest on St. Stephens' Parish money in full to Jan. 1, 1904	350 00
Treasurer School Committee, bequest of S. L. Stoddard	60 00
Interest on Town's notes, 1903	3,054 13
	$109,865 34
Balance in Treasury (cash and unpaid taxes) to new account	20,894 74
	$130,760 08

*The principal ($2,000) of St. Stephens' Parish money to be invested for Library account.

Cohasset, January, 1904.

I have examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer for the year 1903, which show the receipt and disbursement of $130,760.08, as per his report, and found the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

WENTWORTH J. EARLE, *Auditor.*

Cohasset, February 11, 1904.

with Abraham H. Tower, Treasurer. **Cr.**

1903—1904

By balance in Treasury from 1902 account	$7,518 99
Corporation tax for 1902, additional	2,293 22
National Bank tax for 1902, additional	455 89
Corporation tax for 1903	12,539 76
National Bank tax for 1903	2,359 87
State and Military aid, 1903	792 00
State Highway Loan Fund	1,083 64
Norfolk County dog license money, 1902	307 23
City of Boston, account	26 02
City of Cambridge, account	78 24
City of Brockton, account	8 00
Town of Scituate, account	96 00
Burial of State Pauper	15 00
Robert Charles Billings Fund	10,000 00
William T. Tilden, janitor, income Town Hall	267 75
Frank W. Browne, 6th class liquor license	1 00
Joseph Jason, Jr., pool license	2 00
Louis Levin, pedler's license	8 00
East Norfolk District Court, fines, fees, etc.	76 08
A. H. Tower, trustee for board of J. J. Lothrop, at Almshouse	170 71
Interest on collection of delinquent taxes	180 24
Interest on bank deposits	155 10
Interest on Ripley Fund, 1903	40 40
Sundry persons, Almshouse accounts	370 50
Contributions for street sprinkling, collected	452 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money, 1903	15,000 00
Hingham Institution for Savings, hired money, 1903	10,000 00
Estate of Susannah L. Stoddard, bequest for schools	60 00
Assessors' tax list for 1903	66,402 44
	$130,760 08

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, *Treasurer.*

COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1903.

To the Board of Directors of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

The following is a report of the work in the library from July 16 to Dec. 31, 1903:

To effect the union of the two libraries, as voted by the town, the library was closed to the public at the old building April 4. The books were then given in charge of a library expert, Miss Jessie W. Ford, and the work of reorganization begun. It took three months to prepare the books for the shelves, according to the new system, but by the middle of July they were in sufficient order for circulation.

As the catalogue was not completed, it was necessary to admit the people to the shelves to select their books, an experiment which, I think, has proved satisfactory to all.

Under the new system from July 16th to January 1st, 661 persons were registered.

The circulation has increased to about twice as much as it was before, which I attribute to the fact that, as there is now no age limit, a great many more children take books than formerly, also each person is allowed two books, provided only one is fiction.

The books have been thoroughly classified and catalogued, and I think the people of the town do not realize or appreciate the amount of work and responsibility it has been for

Miss Ford, and we should be very grateful and proud to have a library that is in every way thoroughly up to date.

There have been exhibitions of photographs in the reading rooms, changed monthly, furnished by the Library Art Club, to which the library subscribes, and Dr. O. H. Howe has been very kind in giving talks and explaining them to any one who cares to come.

Gifts of money and books have been received from Charles A. Welch, James Longley, Henry A. Wheelwright, Estate of Samuel T. Snow, Rev. Charles W. Merriam, Dr. Oliver H. Howe, Alexander Williams, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Edward Wheelwright, Mrs. T. F. Richardson, Mrs. J. M. Clark, Miss Jessie W. Ford, Miss Mary P. Tower, Major William Arthur. Woman's Journal, State and Government.

The library now contains between 6200 and 6300 volumes. Gifts have been received to the number of 300 volumes. There have been 55 volumes of periodicals bound and 323 books purchased, making in all 678 volumes added.

There have been many books of permanent value purchased. The reference library has grown in its demands and it has received the careful attention of the Book Committee.

Number of books and magazines given out, including the three months at the old building, was 8253.

The following is the classification of reading by subjects during the year:

History and Biography	613
Description and Travel	281
Literature and Poetry	229
Sciences and Arts	403
Philosophy and Religion	42
Magazines	635
Fiction	6,050
	8,253

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH B. COLLIER,

Librarian.

COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,
in account with A. H. TOWER, Treasurer.

1903—1904.

Debit.

To paid for books . . .	$219 78	
Marion Cheever Fund . .	28 41	
		$248 19
Magazine subscriptions .		9 80
Binding books and periodicals		27 68
Expressage, dusting books, etc		9 02
Typewriting . . .		1 00
Sarah B. Collier, librarian .		180 00
Balance paid James Longley, Treas. Paul Pratt Memorial		897 38
		$1,373 07

Credit.

By balance and reserve from 1902 account	$232 23
Town appropriation, 1903 .	1,000 00
Interest from A. Williams Fund	46 60
Interest from Library Fund .	94 24
	$1,373 07

SUPPLEMENTARY ACCOUNT.

Debit.

To paid Charles E. Nott, for moving books . . .	$1 00
Harry F. Tilden, expressage	1 80
Dr. O. H. Howe, books, Marion Cheever . .	1 67
Old Corner Book Store, book, Marion Cheever . .	14 45

To paid Estate Susannah L. Stoddard bequest and interest on same, to be invested .	$1,068 43
Balance payable to Paul Pratt Memorial Library . .	365 38
	$1,452 73

Credit.

By interest on St. Stephen's Parish money from Aug. 19, 1899 to Jan. 1, 1904 in full .	$350 00
Marion Cheever Fund, 1903	30 00
Interest on Marion Cheever Fund, balancing expenditures to date . . .	4 30
Bequest from estate Susannah L. Stoddard . . .	1,064 88
Interest on deposits, pending investment . . .	3 55
	$1,452 73

COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, INVESTMENTS.

Cohasset Savings Bank, from Ladies' Improvement Association .	$1,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, Marion Cheever Fund . . .	169 30
Hingham Institution for Savings, Alexander Williams Fund .	500 00
St. Stephen's Parish money, awaiting investment . . .	2,000 00
Estate Susannah L. Stoddard bequest, awaiting investment .	1,068 43
	$4,737 73

A. H. TOWER,
Treasurer.

COHASSET, January, 1904.

TRUSTEES REPORT.

The Board of Trustees of the Cohasset Free Public Library submit the following brief report:

By vote of the Town in March last a consolidation of the interests of this Library and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library was consummated, by which our books were to be loaned to the latter for a term of three years, properly labeled, showing the ownership still vested in the Town. In conformity with that vote, a careful transfer of the books from the old to the new Library was made in June last. Your trustees now act with the Directors of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library in selecting and purchasing books for that library, and the relations between the two boards have been most harmonious, Dr. Oliver H. Howe of our board of trustees acting as chairman of the Purchasing Committee. Aside from the selection and purchase of books and the disposition of such income as accrues from certain legacies and funds in our possession, we have no voice in the general management or financial policy of the new library, as the Directors of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library are delegated that authority by the will of Miss Pratt.

It will perhaps be interesting to note at this time the following legacies and funds now held by your trustees:

$1,000 from the Ladies' Fair Fund.

$2,000 from St. Stephen's Parish, received for their church building site.

$500 from the late Alexander Williams, Esq,, as a legacy.

From the estate of Susannah L. Stoddard we have already received $1,000, and to that will be added this year a further sum of fully $4,000 from the same source. This generous gift may be considered a token of Miss Stoddard's affection for and loyalty to the town she served so faithfully and efficiently in her capacity of teacher for a quarter of a century.

Of the "Marion Cheever Fund" of $300, given to our

Library by Dr. David W. Cheever in memory of his daughter, we still have a balance of over $100, thirty dollars being devoted each year to the purchase of scientific books, by the terms of the gift. With the income from these legacies and funds, the gifts to the new Library from various sources, and the generous appropriations from the town, the beautiful Paul Pratt Memorial Library should, in the near future, take its place in the front rank of institutions of its kind.

Respectfully submitted,

TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,
By EDWARD F. RIPLEY,
President.

PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY in account with JAMES LONGLEY, Treasurer.

Dr.

To payments:		
For construction . . .	$8,901 95	
Filling and grading lot . .	2,566 28	
Furnishings . . .	773 70	
		$12,241 93
Cataloguing services . .	$661 09	
Cataloguing, supplies, etc. .	210 25	
		$871 34
Librarian's salary, July 1 to Dec. 1	$145 84	
Fuel	300 75	
Electric lighting to Nov. 27 .	68 80	
Books	137 23	
Magazines	57 05	
Sundries, including cleaning and moving books, etc., to library	171 49	
		$881 16
		$13,994 43

Balance on deposit Jan. 1, 1904 . . .		$1,097 03
		$15,091 46

Cr.

By balance from previous account March 1, 1903 . . .		$758 62
By Receipts:		
From Harriet E. Pratt's estate .		$6,900 00
A. H. Tower, Treasurer of Cohasset Free Public Library. Balance of his account	$756 54	
Accumulated interest from "Library Fund" . .	94 24	
Accumulated interest from Alexander Williams Fund	46 60	
		$897 38
Invested funds and interest .		270 25
Mrs. Edward Wheelwright as a semi-annual gift in memory of her husband, "towards the support of the library" . . .		50 00
H. A. Wheelwright "toward the support of the library," as a semi-annual gift .		50 00
Charles C. Wheelwright as a gift		1,000 00
James Longley, to purchase books		100 00
James Longley, for one-half of additional cost of plate glass		112 50

From Collection for freight, etc., paid	$2 71
Amount borrowed of Treasurer	4,950 00
	$15,091 46

JAN. 1, 1904. JAMES LONGLEY,
Treasurer.

We have examined the above account and find same correct, disbursements of cash being accounted for by proper vouchers.

EDWARD F. RIPLEY,
OLIVER H. HOWE,
Auditors.

COHASSET, Feb. 1, 1904.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY SINCE JANUARY, 1903.

GENERAL WORKS.

Bartlett, J., ed.	Familiar quotations.
Brewer, E. C.	Dictionary of phrase and fable.
Fletcher, W. I., ed.	"A. L. A." index; an index to general literature, v. 1901 and 1902.
	International encyclopædia, v. 1-15.
	Library Journal and literary news.
	Masters in art, v. 1, 2, 3.
	Our dumb animals.
	Scientific American and Builder's supplement.
Smith, B. E., ed.	Century atlas of the world.
	Youth's companion.

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION.

Adams, M.	Continuous creation.
Arnot, W.	Parables of our Lord.
Charles, Mrs. M. E.	Christian life in song, or hymns and hymn writers.

McLaren, Ian, pseud.	Cure of souls.
Munger, T. T.	Appeals to life.
Nevin, J. W.	Biblical antiquities.

BIOGRAPHY.

Adam, Mme. Edmondo. Romance of my childhood and youth.	
Berry, Duchess of, and the court of Charles X.	Imbert Saint-Amand, de.
Berry, Duchess of, and Louis XVIII.	Imbert Saint-Amand, de.
Dumas, Alexandre, Life and letters.	Spurr, H. A.
Gibbon, Edward. Memoirs.	Morley, H., ed.
Hale, Edward Everett. Memories of a hundred years. 2v.	
First of the Bourbons. 2v.	Jackson, C. C., Lady.
Hutchinson, Thomas, Life of.	Hosmer, J. K.
Jenkin, Fleeming. Memoir.	Stevenson, R. L.
Johnson, Andrew, Life and speeches of.	Moore, F.
Junot, Madame. Memoirs. 4v.	
Lieber, Francis, Life and Letters.	Perry, T. S., ed.
Medici, Lorenzo de.	Armstrong, E.
Mendelssohn, Life of.	Gage, W. L.
Petrach, Life of.	Ward, Mrs. M. B.
Prescott, William H., Life of.	Ticknor, George,
Savonarola, Life and times of.	Vallari, P.
Thoreau, his home, friends and books.	Marble, A. R.
Washington, the soldier.	Carrington, H. B.
Washington, Life of. 2v.	Marshall, J.
Wolcott, Roger.	Lodge, H. C.
Loyalists of the Revolution.	Sabine, L.
Biographical essays.	Tuckerman, H. T.
Who's who in America.	Leonard, J. W., ed
Who's who in England.	Sladen, D., ed.

HISTORY.

Adams, G. B.	Civilization in the Middle Ages.
Archer, T. A.	Story of the crusades.
Arnold, H. P.	Historic side-lights.
Bright, J. F.	History of England. 4v.

Bryce, J.	Holy Roman Empire.
Burckhardt, J.	Civilization of the Renaissance in Italy.
Douglas, R. K.	Story of China.
Doyle, A. C.	Great Boer war.
Duruy, V.	History of the Middle Ages.
Duruy, V.	History of the Middle Ages; condensed.
Francis, C. de la R.	London, historic and social. 2v.
Freeman, E. A.	Sicily.
Gardiner, S. R.	Students' history of England.
Griffis, W. E.	Japan in history.
Hallam, Henry,	History of the Middle Ages. 2v.
Hart, A. B.	American history told by contempories. 4v.
Hart, A. B.	Formation of the Union.
Hyett, F. A.	Florence, her history and art.
Imbert de Saint-Amand, A. L.	The Revolution of 1848.
Johnston, C.	Ireland, historic and picturesque.
Landsdale, M. H.	Scotland, historic and romantic. 2v.
Lodge, H. C.	English colonies in America.
McCarthy, J.	Story of the people of England in the XIXth century. 2v.
McCarthy, J.	History of the reign of Queen Anne.
Mackenzie, R.	The XIXth century; a history. [2v.
McMasters, J. B.	History of the people of the United States. v. 3, 4, 5.
Marvin, C.	Russians at the gates of Herat.
Murray, D.	Story of Japan.
Oman, C. W. C.	The Dark Ages.
Poole, S. L.	Turkey.
Roosevelt, T.	Hero tales from American history.
Stevenson, R. L.	Footnote to history.
Story, A. T.	Building of the British Empire. 2v.
Symonds, J. A.	Age of the despots.
Symonds, J. A.	Catholic reaction.
Thwaites, E. G.	The colonies.
Tout, T. F.	Empire and the Papacy.
Tylor, E. B.	Anthropology.
Van Tyne, C. H.	Loyalists in the American Revolution.

Weeden, W. B.	Economic and social history of New England.
Wilson, R. R.	Division and reunion.
Wilson, R. R.	Washington, City of 2v.
Yriate, C.	Florence, the Medici, the Humanists, letters and art.
Yriate, C.	Venice, its history, art, industries and modern life.

TRAVEL.

Amicis, E. de	Constantinople.
Amicis, E. de	Holland. 2v.
Amicis, E. de	Morocco, its people and places. 2v.
Amicis, E. de	Spain and the Spaniards. 2v.
Clark, E. L.	Daleth, or the homestead of nations: Egypt.
Cook, J.	America, picturesque and beautiful.
Cook, J.	England, picturesque and descriptive.
Drummond, H.	Tropical Africa.
Fulton, J.	Palestine.
Guild, C.	Over the ocean.
Hooker, T.	Wayfarers in Italy.
Jackson, F. G.	Great frozen land.
Lansdale, M. H.	Paris, its sites, monuments and history.
Lewis and Clark,	Journals of expedition. 3v.
Mahaffy, J. P.	Rambles in Greece.
Stevenson, R. L.	Silverado squatters.
Stieler, K., and others,	The Rhine from its source to the sea. 2v.
Tighe, H.	Dungeons of Paris.
Trollope, A.	North America.
Wey, F.	Rome.

SOCIAL SCIENCE.

Bagehot, W.	English constitution.
Baily, L. H.	Nature study idea.
Fyfe, J. H.	Merchant enterprise, or the history of commerce from the earliest times.
Hinsdale, B. A.	American government, national and state.

Lowell, A. L.	Government and parties in continental Europe.
Montague, G. H.	Rise and progress of the Standard Oil Co.
Seignobos, C.	Political history of Europe since 1815.

SCIENCE.

Andrews, E. H.	Botany all the year round.
Blanchan, N.	How to attract the birds.
Boardman, W. H.	Lovers of the woods.
Bruncken, E.	North American forests and forestry.
Cowan, F.	Curious facts in the history of insects.
Darwin, C.	Origin of species.
Deniker, J.	Races of man.
Dugmore, A. R.	Bird homes.
Hodge, C. F.	Nature study.
Hulbert, W. D.	Forest neighbors.
Huntington, A. O.	Trees in winter.
Maeterlinck, M.	Life of the bee.
Marvin,	American merchant marine.
Mathews, F. S.	Hand book of American wild flowers.
Miller, E.	Wild flowers of the North Eastern States.
Morley, M. W.	Wasps and their ways.
Parsons, Mrs. F. T. (Smith) (Dana)	According to season.
Schmeil, O.	Introduction to zoology.
Schwarz, G. F.	Forest trees and forest scenery.
Shaler, N. S.	The individual.
Smith, E.	Home aquarium.
Sutherland, H.	Book of bugs.
Wright, Mrs. M. O.	Flowers and ferns.

USEFUL ARTS.

Bailey, L. H.	Principles of fruit growing.
Bailey, L. H.	Pruning book.
Belcher, S. D.	Clean milk.
Card, F. W.	Bush fruits.
Fiske, G. F.	Profits and poultry.
Hodgson, F. T.	Modern carpentry.

Hodgson, F. T.	Steel square.
Mayhew, E.	Horse management.
Morse, T. V.	Basket making.
Roberts, I. P.	Fertility of the land.
Root, A. I.	Bee culture.
Stoddard, H. H.	New egg farm.
Watson, G. C.	Farm poultry.
Wing, H. H.	Milk and its products.
Wright, L.	Practical pigeon keeper.
Marvin, W. L.	American merchant marine.

ATHLETIC AND RECREATIVE ARTS.

Doherty, R. F. and H. L.	Lawn tennis.

FINE ARTS.

Anderson, W. J.	Architecture of Greece and Rome.
	Architecture of the Renaissance in Italy.
Bond, F.	English cathedrals.
Corroyer, E.	Gothic architecture.
Cummings, C. A.	History of architecture in Italy.
Dugmore, A. R.	Nature and the camera.
Goodyear, W. H.	Renaissance and modern art.
Goodyear, W. H.	Roman and medieval art.
Symonds, J. A.	Renaissance in Italy ; Fine arts.
Symonds, J. A.	Life of Michaelangelo.
Taine, H. A.	Lectures on art.
Tuckerman, A. L.	Short history of architecture.
Tuthill, W. B.	Architectural drawing.
Untersteiner, A.	Short history of music.
Witt, R. C.	How to look at pictures.

LITERATURE.

Addison, J., and others,	Spectator. 6v.
Arnold, Matthew, ed.	Johnson's lives of the poets.
Brooke, S.	Poetry of Browning.
Brownell, W. C.	Victorian prose masters.
	Chamber's encyclopædia of English literature. v. 1 and 2.
Crabb, G.	English synonymes.
Drummond, H.	Greatest thing in the world.

Goethe, J. W. von,	Faust, translated by Bayard Taylor.
Gould, S. Baring,	Curious myths of the Middle ages.
Graham, H. G.	Scottish men of letters.
Hamilton, Gail, pseud.	New atmosphere.
Hogan, J. F.	Life and works of Dante.
Howells, W. D.	Criticism and fiction.
Howells, W. D.	Heroines of fiction.
Howells, W. D.	Literature and life.
Keats, J.	Poems.
Khayyam, Omar,	Rubaiyat, in English verse.
Osgood, S.	American leaves; notes of thought and life.
Pater, W.	The Renaissance.
Simonds, W. E.	English literature.
Stevenson, R. L.	Across the plains.
Stevenson, R. L.	Familiar studies of men and books.
	Memories and portraits.
	Poems and ballads.
	Virginibus puerisque.
Symonds, J. A.	Renaissance in Italy; Italian literature.
	Renaissance in Italy; Revival of learning.
Trowbridge, J. T.	Poems.
Warner, C. D.	Backlog studies.
Warner, C. D.	My summer in a garden.
Woodberry, G. E.	Makers of literature.
Woodburn, J. A., ed.	American orations.

FICTION.

Adams, Mary,	Confessions of a wife.
Allen, James Lane,	Mettle of the pasture.
Barr, Mrs. Amelia E.	Black shilling.
Barr, Mrs. Amelia E.	Song of a single note.
Barrie, James M.	Little white bird.
Bell, J. J.	Wee Macgreegor.
Brady, Cyrus T.	The southerners.
Brown, Alice,	The Mannerings.
Bulwer-Lytton E. G. E. L.	Last of the barons.
Collins, Wilkie,	No name.

Collins, Wilkie,	Woman in white.
Conrad, Joseph,	Youth.
Cotes, Mrs. S. J. (Duncan),	Those delightful Americans.
Couch, A. T. Quiller-(Q)	Hetty Wesley.
Crawford, F. M.	Cecilia, a story of modern Rome.
Crawford, F. M.	Heart of Rome.
Daskam, Josephine D.	Whom the Gods destroyed.
Deland, Mrs. Margaret,	Dr. Lavendar's people.
Dickens, Charles,	New edition of 34v.
Doyle, A. Conan,	Adventures of Gerard.
Fox, John, Jr.	Little shepherd of Kingdom Come.
Garland, Hamlin,	Captain of the Gray-Horse troop.
Garland, Hamlin,	Hesper.
Hardy, A. S.	His daughter first.
Howells, W. D.	Letters home.
Hugo, Victor,	History of a crime.
Jacobs, W. C.	Lady of the barge.
Jacobs, W. C.	Light freights.
Jacobs, W. C.	Many cargoes.
Jacobs, W. C.	More cargoes.
Jacobs, W. C.	Odd craft.
Jacobs, W. C.	Skipper's wooing.
James, Henry,	Daisy Miller.
LeSege, Alain Rene,	Historia de Gil Blas.
Ludlow, J. M.	Captain of the Janizaries.
Major, Charles,	Forest hearth.
Martin, G. M.	Emmy Lou, her book and heart.
Mason, A. E. W.	Four feathers.
Merriman, H. S. pseud.	Barlasch of the guard.
Norris, Frank,	Octopus.
Norris, Frank,	Pit.
Oppenheim, E. P.	Prince of sinners.
Page, Thomas N.	Gordon Keith.
Reade, Charles,	Christie Johnson.
Reade, Charles,	Cloister and hearth.
Reade, Charles,	Foul play.
Reade, Charles,	Hard cash.
Rice, Mrs. A. C. (Hegan)	Lovey Mary.

Riggs, Mrs. K. D. (Wiggin)	Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm.
Shorthouse, J. H.	John Inglesant.
Smith, F. H.	Colonel Carter's Christmas.
Stevenson, R. L.	Black arrow.
Stevenson, R. L.	Dynamiter.
Stevenson, R. L.	Ebb-tide.
Stevenson, R. L.	Island nights' entertainment.
Stevenson, R. L.	Merry men: Dr. Jekyll.
Stevenson, R. L.	New Arabian nights.
Stevenson, R. L.	Prince Otto.
Stevenson, R. L.	Treasure Island.
Stevenson, R. L.	Weir of Hermiston.
Stevenson, R. L.	Wreckers.
Stevenson, R. L.	Wrong box.
Stockton, F. R.	John Gayther's garden.
Tracy, Lewis,	Wings of the morning.
Travers, Graham, pseud.	Way of escape.
Van Dyke, Henry,	Blue flower.
Ward, Mrs. H.	Lady Rose's daughter.
Wharton, Edith,	Sanctuary.
White, Eliza O.	Lesley Chilton.
Williamson, C. N. and A. M.	Lightning conductor.

Juvenile Books.

Addison, Joseph,	Sir Roger de Coverly papers.
Anderson, Hans Christian,	Fairy tales.
Barton, W. E.	When Boston braved the king.
Buckley, A. B.	Fairy-land of science.
	Winners in life's race, the great backboned family.
Burkett, C. W.	Agriculture for beginners.
Burroughs, John,	Birds and bees; Sharp eyes, and other papers.
Butterworth, Hezekiah,	Treasure ship.
Coffin, C. C.	Boys of '76.
Cooper, J. F.	Last of the Mohicans.
Craik, Mrs. D. M. (Mulock)	Adventures of a brownie.

Dickens, Charles,	Christmas carol.
Donnell, J. H.	Camp Fidelity girls.
Hale, E. E.	Man without a country.
Hawthorne, N.	Grandfather's chair.
Kingsley, Charles,	Greek heroes.
Kipling, R.	Just-so stories.
Lamb, Charles and Mary,	Tales from Shakespeare.
La Motte Fouque, Frederick de,	Undine.
Lang, Andrew, ed.	Animal story book.
	Blue fairy book.
	Crimson fairy book.
Long, W. J.	Secrets of the woods.
	Wilderness ways.
	Wood folk at school.
Munroe, Kirk.	Campmates.
	Dory mates.
	Raftmates.
Pierson, Mrs. C. D.	Among the farmyard people.
	Among the forest people.
	Among the meadow people.
	Among the night people.
	Among the pond people.
Raspe, R. E.	Baron Munchausen.
Ray, A. C.	Nathalie's chum.
Rich, C. E.	New boy at Dale.
Richards, Mrs. L. E. (Howe)	More five minute stories.
Ruskin, John.	King of the golden river.
Scott, Sir Walter.	Ivanhoe.
Segur,	Story of a donkey.
Seton, E. T.	Two little savages.
Slocum, Capt. J.	Around the world in the sloop Spray.
Smith, N. A.	Three little Marys.
Stevenson, R. L.	Child's garden of verses.
Stowe, Mrs. H. (Beecher)	Uncle Tom's Cabin.
Swift, Jonathan,	Gulliver's travels.
True, J. P.	Morgan's men.
Wilson, C. D.	Story of the Cid.

Winnington, L., ed.	Outlook story book.
Young, C. M.	Book of golden deeds.

The library has received gifts of books which are not included in this list as they were already in the library.

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

For the Year Ending December 31, 1903.

My last year's work was similar to the preceding year, such as planting, pruning and spraying trees. A large amount of watering was required for the young trees owing to the dryness of the season. I have noticed considerable cutting of trees outside of the residential part of the town by unknown parties; and I would call the attention of said parties to the revised law which was passed in 1891, which is as follows :— "No person has any authority to cut or remove in whole or in part public shade trees outside the residential part of the town, except the Tree Warden or his deputy or some person licensed by the warden." Public shade trees within the residential part are amply protected.

It is a matter of congratulation that injuries to shade trees in the highway by men or animals are severely punished, for Section 103 of Chapter 208 of the Revised Laws, following the statutes of 1859 and 1899, provide that whoever negligently or wilfully injures or defaces or suffers any animal driven by him or for him or belonging to him, even if it be lawfully on the highway, to injure, deface or destroy a tree which is not his own, standing for use or ornament on the highway, may be fined no less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars; one-half of which goes to the complainant and one-half to the city or town. Besides that, the offender becomes liable to pay damages to the owner or tenant of the land in front of which the tree stands. This

ought to be enough to prevent the persistent horse-hitchers from making posts of every tree that suits his convenience.

No warden can be entirely successful, no matter how good his intentions may be, unless he is supported by a hearty public sentiment and a reasonable appropriation of public funds. Given this backing, he can accomplish much.

I would respectfully recommend and ask that the sum of $300 be issued and appropriated by the town at its annual meeting in March next. The following is a list of amounts paid as per bills rendered:

Paid C. R. Keene . . .	$30 00	
Chas. E. Nott . . .	26 45	
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	17 10	
Franklin Stoddard . .	15 00	
George F. Sargent . .	4 80	
T. G. Grey & Co. . .	4 50	
Estate A. C. Bates . .	3 93	
Chas. E. McKenzie . .	4 50	
John Kennedy . . .	2 00	
	$108 28	
Balance unexpended, 1902 .		$ 54 05
Amount of appropriation, 1903		300 00
		$354 05
Amount of orders, 1903 .		105 18
Balance unexpended . .		$248 87

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY L. McMAHON, *Tree Warden.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

To the Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN :—The board of Engineers respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1903 :—

There have been no serious or destructive fires during the past year, although the department has been called out a number of times. The apparatus is in good condition but the department is in need of more hose, as that now in use has been in service a number of years, some of it since 1889, and several lengths have burst and been rendered useless at fires; also the new wagon at North Cohasset will require at least 1,000 feet to be added to the stock of hose.

We would again respectfully call your attention to the condition of the department buildings at the Cove and center of the town. Those at the harbor should in the judgment of the Board be reclapboarded or shingled all over, as they leak badly and are in want of immediate repairs. The house at the center should be painted as early as possible.

For the maintenance and operation of this department for the ensuing year we respectfully recommend and ask that the sum of $2,250 be raised and appropriated by the town at its annual meeting in March next, to be expended as follows :—

General operating expenses	$1,000 00
Purchase of 1,500 feet of hose . . .	750 00

Repairs to buildings	$500 00
Total	$2,250 00

H. E. MAPES,
THOS. A. RICH,
HENRY E. BRENNOCK,
GEORGE JASON,
ELMER E. BATES,
GEORGE W. GROCE,
Board of Engineers.

FIRE RECORD.

1903.

March 8. House of Alexander Williams.

March 15. Still alarm, Howe's Woods.

April 13. Treat's Shanty, Sandy Cove.

April 21. Woods in front of Newtons, Atlantic Avenue.

May 10. Woods on James Hill.

August 15. Fire at Shed of C. F. Bennett. No alarm.

August 28. Gravel Pit, North Main Street, C. W. Gammons.

November 19. Needless alarm.

November 26. Fire, Cow shed, E. Stoddard.

H. E. MAPES, *Chief.*

THOMAS A. RICH, *Clerk.*

FINANCIAL REPORT.

HOSE CO., NO. 1.

Ray M. Souther, clerk, company services	$25 00
C. Callahan Co., supplies . .	27 11
A. J. Morris, steward . . .	40 00
Bates & Lincoln, wood . .	8 00
H. L. Willard, Jr., horses to fires, etc.	59 50

John Kennedy, watching fires .	$2 00	
E. E. Bates, wood . . .	8 00	
W. J. Bennock, repairs . .	2 20	
George F. Higgins, repairs .	6 00	
A. C. Bates, repairs and supplies .	9 57	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal, wood, etc.	28 09	
14 poll taxes for firemen . .	28 00	
		$243 47

Hose Co., No. 2.

Sheldon N. Ripley, clerk . .	$20 00	
H. P. Brown, steward . .	30 00	
H. F. Tilden, horses . .	34 75	
C. Callahan Co., supplies . .	1 00	
Bates & Lincoln, wood . .	8 00	
H. L. Willard, Jr., horses and carting	7 50	
Odin Towle, watching fires . .	2 00	
George F. Higgins, repairs .	12 50	
Lincoln Bros., coal and wood .	38 98	
E. E. Bates, wood . . .	4 00	
H. L. Lincoln, glass . . .	1 50	
S. D. Tower, repairs . .	2 75	
A. C. Bates estate, supplies .	58 63	
14 poll taxes for firemen . .	28 00	
		$249 61

Ladder Co., No. 1.

Joseph A. Valine, clerk . .	$25 00	
Joseph E. Grassie, steward .	25 00	
Joseph Jason, horses . . .	40 00	
Cohasset Supply Co., supplies .	10 30	
Tower Bros. & Co., supplies .	35	
10 poll taxes for firemen . .	20 00	
		$120 65

Ladder Co., No. 2.

L. A. Litchfield, steward . .	$31 00	
Frank Sargent, clerk . . .	5 00	
S. E. Pratt, horses . . .	15 00	
George F. Higgins, repairs .	11 00	
T. W. Whitcomb, horses . .	2 50	
C. Callahan Co., supplies . .	51 22	
Frank Sargent, glass . . .	75	
16 poll taxes for firemen . .	32 00	
		$148 47

Miscellaneous.

E. E. Bates, forest fires . .	$26 50	
H. E. Mapes, freight and express .	8 90	
George Jason, use of horse .	2 00	
W. J. Brennock, painting coats .	3 50	
H. F. Tilden, freight and storage .	12 77	
Souther Bros., printing . .	7 75	
		$61 42

Fire Alarm.

E. F. Ripley, Clerk Cohasset Electric Co.	$17 50	
C. Callahan Co., supplies . .	25 90	
F. W. Brown, supplies . .	15 80	
		$59 20

Board of Engineers.

6 poll taxes	$12 00	
		$12 00

Recapitulate.

Hose Co. No. 1	$243 47
Hose Co. No. 2	249 61
Ladder Co. No. 1	120 65
Ladder Co. No. 2	148 47

Fire Alarm	$59 20
Miscellaneous	61 42
Board of Engineers . . .	12 00
	$894 82

H. E. MAPES, *Chief.*

Signed: T. A. RICH, *Clerk.*

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the School Committee, Board of Engineers and Superintendent of Streets and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WENTWORTH J. EARLE,
Auditor.

Cohasset, February 11, 1904.

REPORT OF

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

School Committee.

1902–1903.

Harry E. Mapes, term expires, 1904.
Jason M. Ennice, Secretary, term expires, 1904.
Mrs. Elizabeth O. Davenport, Chairman, term expires 1905.
Caleb Lothrop, Treasurer, term expires, 1905.
Mrs. Martha P. Howe, term expires, 1906.
Charles W. Merriam, term expires, 1906.

Nelson G. Howard, *Superintendent.*

Truant Officers.

Samuel Pratt, John J. Grassie.

January 25, 1904.

Voted, That the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools be accepted and printed as the Annual Report of the School Committee.

Signed,
JASON M. ENNICE,
Secretary.

TOWN OF COHASSET in Account with THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1903. Paid

Superintendent of Schools,		
Nelson G. Howard		$700 00
TEACHERS.		
Osgood School, High:		
Principal, C. F. Jacobs .	$1,062 50	
Principal, Stanley C. Lary .	525 00	
Assistant, Miss Grace Gatchell	637 50	
Assistant, Miss Minnie E. Bigelow	637 50	
Assistant, Miss Nellie B. Hill	537 50	
Grammar Grades:		
8th grade, Miss Martha P. Bates	500 00	
7th grade, Miss Charlotte A. Tower	480 00	
6th grade, Miss Annie D. Dunham	472 80	
6th grade, Miss Elsie P. Newcomb	7 20	
5th grade, Miss Annie A. Souther	480 00	
Primary Grades:		
4th grade, Miss Mary E. Clapp	480 00	
3rd grade, Miss M. Jennie Mason	480 00	
2nd grade, Miss Priscilla L. Collier	480 00	
1st grade, Miss Sarah E. Fox	480 00	
General Assistant, Miss Myra L. Beal	380 00	
		$7,640 00

North School:		
Miss Annie Fox . . .	$300 00	
Beechwood School:		
Miss Eva S. Bassick . .	430 00	
King Street;		
Miss Mary W. Cobb . .	250 00	
Special Teachers:		
Drawing, Walter Sargent .	$210 00	
Drawing, Miss Helen C. French	120 00	
Music, Miss Elizabeth C. Bates	300 00	
		$630 00
		$9,250 00

JANITORS.

Osgood School:		
Lot W. Bates . . .	$450 00	
Thomas W. Doyle . .	350 00	
		$800 00
North School:		
Miss Annie Fox . . .	$25 00	
King Street:		
Fred G. James . . .	18 75	
Beechwood School:		
A. B. Litchfield . . .	50 00	
		$893 75

CONVEYING PUPILS.

Harry F. Tilden, Parker Avenue	$186 67
Harry F. Tilden, North End District	200 00
Harry F. Tilden, South End District	237 88
Harry F. Tilden, King Street District	248 75
Franklin Beal, No. Cohasset District	780 00

Samuel E. Pratt, Beechwood District	$862 50	
		$2,515 80

FUEL.

Osgood School:		
Lincoln Bros., Ltd. . .	$1,123 88	
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	51 30	
Bates & Lincoln . . .	1 50	
		$1,176 68
North School:		
Lincoln Bros., Ltd. . .	$18 48	
Russell B. Murray . .	5 00	
John T. Barnes . . .	1 00	
		$24 48
Beechwood School:		
Lincoln Bros., Ltd. . .	$33 67	
C. H. Hackett . . .	19 00	
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	41 51	
		$94 18
King Street:		
Lincoln Bros., Ltd. . .	$17 44	
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	8 74	
		$26 18
		$1,321 52

REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.

Osgood School:		
E. Stoddard & Son, coloring and whitening walls .	$213 35	
Cohasset Electric Co., lights	16 03	
Handifold Toilet Paper Co.	6 00	
A. T. Stearns Lumber Co., lumber	2 25	
Henry E. Brennock, reeving new halyards . . .	3 00	
W. H. Fowler, repairing shades and two curtain sticks	1 85	

James McElroy, cleaning trench	$3 00	
Edgar J. Pratt, repairing furnace	18 77	
Herbert C. Bates, scraping and varnishing desks, etc.	26 87	
Thomas W. Doyle, filing saw and painting sashes . .	1 75	
Wm. J. Brennock, whitening	11 69	
Wm. H. H. Hancock, cleaning clocks . . .	5 25	
John E. Frates, masoning .	18 75	
Augustus S. Burgess, putting on door check . . .	1 12	
Doton-Dunton Desk Co., commercial furniture .	243 50	
Foster & Wiley, chairs .	30 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, varnish, etc. . . .	18 65	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., rent .	7 19	
Estate Allen C. Bates, supplies	79 53	
		$708 55

North School:

John Roche, taking off windows, labor on lock . .	2 00	
Edgar J. Pratt, cleaning out pipe	1 25	
Wm. H. H. Hancock, cleaning clock	75	
Thomas W. Doyle, labor on desks and blackboards .	1 75	
Estate Allen C. Bates, supplies	50	
		$6 25

Beechwood School:		
John J. A. Pratt, repairs .	$5 76	
Barston Stove Co. . . .	2 25	
A. B. Litchfield, cleaning, varnishing, etc. . .	20 75	
J. W. Bates, cleaning vault .	3 00	
W. J. Brennock, reeving halyards	2 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., varnish	5 98	
Estate Allen C. Bates, repairing stove, etc. . .	18 24	
		$57 98
		$772 78

MISCELLANEOUS.

C. P. Crimmer, flowers .	$8 00	
Colton & Gould, treasurer's cash book . . .	60	
Charlotte S. Tower, writing children's names in census book	5 00	
Reuben Sprague, supplies .	16 53	
A. C. Litchfield, expressing	1 15	
Thomas Doyle, services May night	2 00	
Frank H. Pratt, services May night	2 00	
Chas. E. Nott, carting and freight	18 29	
Nelson G. Howard, Tel. rents, postage and express . .	12 25	
C. F. Jacobs, sundries .	1 08	
Harry F. Tilden, carting flowers and teaming . .	1 25	
William T. Tilden, hall and piano, labor . . .	10 50	

Bound Book Press, tickets and programs . . .	$6 00	
John Clark, bouquets for graduation	16 50	
A. H. Litchfield, expressing	25	
H. W. Kibbe, filling diplomas	10 75	
W. J. Brennock, police services at town hall . .	2 00	
Mary E. Clapp, services as pianist	10 00	
Jason M. Ennice, services as secretary to Jan. 1, 1904	25 00	
Arthur Mulvey, expressing .	10 95	
C. Lothrop, services as treasurer	50 00	
Town of Hull, tuition four pupils	48 00	
		$258 10

Books and Stationery.

Wyckoff, Seamens & Benedict	$148 00
Samuel Ward Co. . .	86 92
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co. .	12 00
D. C. Heath & Co. . .	13 62
Ginn & Co. . . .	40 79
American Book Co. . .	144 12
Edw. E. Babb & Co. . .	256 94
Silver, Burdett & Co. . .	2 90
Suffolk Ink Co. . . .	5 00
J. L. Hammett Co. . .	4 50
Frost & Adams . . .	1 28
David Cobb & Son . .	2 08
Joseph Gillott & Sons . .	21 55
Houghton, Mifflin & Co. .	25 00
Old Corner Book Store .	10 00

Milton H. Ellis . . .	$8 95	
Henry A. Robinson . .	2 37	
D. Appleton & Co. . .	7 84	
J. L. Richards & Co. . .	25 00	
Hingham Journal . .	6 00	
		$824 86

RECAPITULATION.

Debit.

Superintendent of Schools .	$700 00	
Teachers	9,250 00	
Janitors	893 75	
Conveying	2,515 80	
Fuel	1,321 52	
Repairs	772 78	
Miscellaneous . . .	258 10	
Books and Stationery . .	824 86	
Balance on hand . . .	46 16	
		$16,582 97

Credit.

Balance from last year .	$122 29	
Amount of school appropriation	16,100 00	
Received from supplies sold .	4 00	
Received from platform sold	5 00	
Received from fuel sold .	3 50	
Received for use of telephone	55	
Amount of dog license .	307 23	
Interest from Ripley School fund .	40 40	
		$16,582 97

BEQUEST.

Received from estate of Susannah L. Stoddard . $60 00

An estimate of the amount needed for the support of the schools for the year 1904 is $13,400, as follows:

Superintendent . . .	$ 700 00	
Teachers	8,760 00	
Janitors	850 00	
Fuel	1,140 00	
Repairs	850 00	
Miscellaneous . . .	300 00	
Text books	800 00	
		$13,400 00

CALEB LOTHROP, *Treasurer*,
Cohasset School Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—I submit herewith my sixth annual report. It is the sixteenth in the series of annual reports of the Superintendent of Schools of the town.

By vote of your board, this report, together with that of the Treasurer, constitutes the annual report of the School Committee.

It is our purpose to give a brief record of the work of the year, to show the present condition of the schools, and to offer a few suggestions and recommendations that seem helpful and likely to promote a more active development of the general school interests. Few changes have been made in matters of management. We have endeavored to strengthen and extend the well established work, and to secure practical results in all departments.

TEACHERS.

We have had an excellent teaching force, made up of men and women who have worked zealously for the advancement of the interests of the children. There have been only two changes during the year. Mr. Charles F. Jacobs, Principal of the Osgood School from the time it was established, resigned in June. His long and successful service had made him an important factor in the educational interests of the town, and it was with great regret that his resignation was received. Mr. Stanley C. Lary, Vice-Principal of the Hingham high school, was chosen to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Lary is a graduate of Bates College and a teacher of experience.

In June Mr. Walter Sargent, Supervisor of Drawing, was appointed to succeed Mr. Henry T. Bailey as Agent for the Promotion of Industrial Drawing for the Commonwealth. His superior teaching was of great value to our schools, and we consider it rare good fortune to have had his services for a year. Miss Helen C. French, a graduate of the Massachusetts Normal Art School, was selected as Mr. Sargent's successor.

Your attention is called to the following statistics:

Abstract of Statistics.

Population of Cohasset, census of 1900	2,759
Population of Cohasset, 1904 (estimated)	2,800
Number of school buildings in use September, 1902, to June, 1903	4
Number of teachers employed	15
Number of school buildings in use, fall term, 1903	2
Number of teachers employed	13

School Census, September 1, 1903.

Number of boys between 5 and 15 years of age	206
Number of girls between 5 and 15 years of age	194
	400
Number of boys between 7 and 14 years of age	139
Number of girls between 7 and 14 years of age	140
	279

Enrollment and Attendance September, 1902, to June, 1903.

Number of different pupils enrolled	456
Number of boys in school between 5 and 15 years of age	206

Number of girls in school between 5 and 15 years of age	192
	398
Number of boys in school between 7 and 14 years of age	142
Number of girls in school between 7 and 14 years of age	137
	297
Number of boys in school over 15 years of age	23
Number of girls in school over 15 years of age	32
	55
Average membership of all the schools	401.9
Average attendance of all the schools	361.87
Per cent. of attendance	90.03

High School Enrollment by Classes.

Senior class	11
Junior class	20
Sophomore class	16
Freshman class	35
	82

Enrollment for the Fall Term, Sept. 8, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1903.

Number of different pupils enrolled	449
Number of boys between 5 and 15	200
Number of girls between 5 and 15	194
Number of boys between 7 and 14	132
Number of girls between 7 and 14	144
Number of boys over 15	21
Number of girls over 15	34
High School enrollment by classes:	
Senior class	17

Junior class	14
Sophomore class	25
Freshman class	39
	95

Osgood School by grades:

	Pupils.
Grade I.	51
II.	35
III.	26
IV.	47
V.	42
VI.	52
VII.	46
VIII.	29

Beechwood School by grades:

Grade I.	3
II.	13
III.	8

GRADUATES OF THE HIGH SCHOOL, JUNE 24, 1903.

Grace Priscilla Bates, Marietta Foster Bennett, Bessie Lincoln James, Clara Adele Mapes, Ethelind Howe Ripley, Lucy Evelyn Treat, Edith Adelaide Jason, Mary Ripley Wilbur, Richard Watson Cushing, Roberta Eddy and Sarah Lewis Lincoln.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 26, 1903

SCHOOL.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance	Tardiness.	Truancy.
High . . .	82	76	67	90.53	284	2
Osgood:						
Grade I .	52	40	35	87.5	68	1
Grade II .	24	23.09	21.18	91.72	47	0
Grade III .	38	32.2	29.49	91.58	55	1
Grade IV .	35	28	25.5	91.07	59	1
Grade V .	46	44	40	90.9	42	2
Grade VI .	40	39.9	36.8	92.23	37	1
Grade VII .	36	34.25	31.04	90.62	49	1
Grade VIII .	41	38.65	35.05	90.68	73	2
Beechwood:						
Grades—						
I, II, III, IV .	33	28	24.11	86.08	22	5
North:						
Grades—						
I, II, III . .	17	13.6	11.2	82.42	29	4
King Street:						
Grades—						
I, II, III, IV .	9	6.21	5.5	88.56	37	0
Totals .	453	401.9	361.87	90.03	802	20

In former reports the enrollment was reckoned from January to January. This method was unsatisfactory, because it did not represent the actual conditions. The pupils of the primary grades of two consecutive Septembers were included in the count. By direction of the State Board of Education the enrollment year is now made to conform to the natural school year, from September to July. This explains the seeming decrease in the enrollment for the year.

In order to put the enrollment of preceding years on the same basis as that of the present year, we should deduct at least ten per cent. from the enrollment of each year previous to 1902–1903.

SCHOOLS, TEACHERS AND SALARIES.

Schools.	*Teachers.*	*Salaries.*
High:	Stanley C. Lary, Principal	$1,400 00
	Grace Gatchell	700 00
	Minnie E. Bigelow	700 00
	Nellie B. Hill	600 00
Osgood:		
Grade VIII	Martha P. Bates	500 00
VII	Charlotte A. Tower	480 00
VI	Annie D. Dunham	480 00
V	Annie A. Souther	480 00
IV	Mary E. Clapp	480 00
III	M. Jennie Mason	480 00
II	Priscilla L. Collier	480 00
I	Sarah E. Fox	480 00
Matron,	Myra L. Beal	380 00
Beechwood:		
Grades I, II, III	Eva S. Bassick	480 00
Supervisor of Music,	Elizabeth C. Bates	300 00
Supervisor of Drawing,	Helen C. French	300 00

Attendance.

The total number of pupils enrolled for the natural school year ending June 26, 1903, was 456, an increase of 32 over the previous year; the average membership was 401.9, an increase of 21.1; the average attendance was 361.89, an increase of 13.46; the percentage of attendance was 90.03, a decrease of 1.47; the number of cases of tardiness was 802, an increase of 199; the number of cases of truancy was 20, an increase of 13.

While the general attendance has been good there has been a marked increase of tardiness in certain schools. The high school had 284 cases, a number out of proportion to the membership. Carelessness and indifference are faults that cannot be passed over lightly by teachers or parents. No business man will retain employees who are not prompt and attentive to duty. It is a noticeable fact that those pupils who live at a considerable distance from the school are generally punctual, while those who live near at hand are delinquent. The earnest co-operation of parents is sought in securing prompt attention to this important feature of the children's development.

The truant officers have done their duty well, and no pupils have been allowed to remain out of school without good reasons. A glance at the statistical table will show that 9 of the 20 cases of truancy were found in two schools with an enrollment of only 50; the Osgood school, with an enrollment of over 400, had only 11 cases. This would seem to show that the attendance is more regular and satisfactory in schools of larger size and more even grading.

The number of pupils at the North and King street schools decreased so that it was deemed unwise to continue the schools after June, 1903. The pupils that would naturally attend these schools have been transported to the Osgood school and placed in the regular grades.

The High School.

The present enrollment of the High School is 95, an increase of 13 over the enrollment of last year. The freshmen class numbers 39, or 4 more than the last year's class, which was considered an exceptionally large one for the town. About one-fifth of all our pupils are in the High School.

The changes and improvements in all departments begun a year ago have been extended and developed. The course

of study has been improved and definitely formed to meet the requirements of the statutes, which provided that high schools shall prepare pupils for college and the Massachusetts technical schools.

While the wants of the college preparatory pupils have received their full share of the attention of the teachers, the work of the general course has not suffered. The commercial work has been a success. The introduction of the course has proved itself a great advantage to the school in holding pupils who would otherwise be obliged to go to the city for business training. These pupils have been in earnest and have aroused an interest among the other pupils. The department is well equipped with up-to-date furniture, and under the skilled direction of the present teacher is making systematic progress. The commercial course is giving our pupils who elect its subjects the elements of a sound business education, and will place them in positions where they can earn a living.

The requirements for admission to college and the technical schools have been increased greatly in several departments, notably in English, History, and Modern Languages during the last five years, and the strain has taxed to the utmost the resources of the high schools throughout the State. Additional assistants have been employed wherever the towns could afford it, to bring the high schools up to the standard set by the statutes. The expense has been greater than the framers of the law had anticipated, yet there has been no disposition to modify the terms. Formerly our high school was in the second class under the Statute that provided that two classes of high schools could be supported by taxation. Upon the enactment of the present statutes relating to high schools it became necessary for all towns to support high schools with teachers and equipment sufficient for doing the entire work of college preparation, or to pay for the instruction in the high schools of adjacent towns.

Under the old system it was necessary for the high school principal and his assistants to tutor those pupils who wished to prepare for college. Much of this extra work has fallen upon the principal in past years. We are endeavoring to make it possible for a pupil to prepare for college or the technical schools in the four years of the regular course, and this without tutoring.

At present we have eight grades below the high school, and many of the pupils who enter the high school would be far better off in a ninth grade. With our departmental system of teaching a ninth grade would be a great advantage to the school, materially benefiting those pupils who do not go to the high school, and strengthening those who advance. The introduction of such a grade does not mean a loss of time to the pupils of the grades. Greater flexibility would be possible, and irregular promotions would be more frequent. The ninth grade could be seated in the room with the eighth grade, and the work of the two grades could be closely allied so that timely progress would be assured.

Certain subjects now taught in the high school could be anticipated in the ninth grade, thereby giving the college preparatory pupils an opportunity to begin their preperation earlier. The advantage to the pupils who are to pursue the general course would be the greatest, for with better preparation they would gain a great deal more from their high school course which is to them of vital importance.

The present condition of the high school is quite satisfactory. There is a need of additional reference books in all departments, and of some apparatus for the laboratories. The two typewriters now in use will not be sufficient for the purposes of the next class. Two new machines should be added.

The pupil of ability and strong constitution who will apply himself closely to his studies can be prepared for college in

the four years of the regular course. Opportunity is given those who cannot do the work in four years to take a longer time. This last provision means considerable work for the teachers, but all have shown a readiness to do all in their power to advance the interests of the pupils who are seeking a higher education.

Promotions and Individual Instruction.

We have continued and extended our plan of promotion whereby an opportunity is given to pupils to advance as rapidly as their development demands. The teachers have co-operated well in carrying out the plan and in directing the details of its progress. The division of grades into two or more sections according to the capacity of the pupils for work has brought excellent results. There has been a distinct gain in the matter of irregular promotions. As soon as a pupil of the highest section of one grade shows ability to do the work of the lowest section of the next higher grade he is allowed to make the advance. If he is equal to the task, he continues with the advance, but if he finds it too difficult, he resumes his place in the section below. In this way none of the important work is lost. Grades are necessary in school organization, but they must not be allowed to hinder the progress of the child. I do not believe that there is any one exclusive plan for promoting children, but I do believe that all plans based on individual instruction with irregular promotions are improvements upon those that recognize only eight or nine steps in the grades and four in the high school.

No system of promotion can accomplish much without skilled teaching, and skilled teaching means the careful stimulation and direction of each pupil's activity and the giving when needed of that helpful assistance that develops power to do more.

Individual instruction must accompany all class instruc-

tion—pupils must not be set to blind tasks. The teacher should be the light, the helpful source of information from which the pupil may gain what he needs to unify and rationalize his own knowledge. Teachers should have education and culture, and more than this they should have tact and originality. The poorest teachers are those who follow blindly the set forms of so-called authorities. The reason why so many normal and college graduates fail as teachers is because they regard their education complete when they receive their diplomas. There is no one way of doing school work. Certain methods may be good in one school and bad in another. The most valuable teachers are those who are able to appropriate the best elements of all methods brought to their notice without becoming the slaves of any one of them.

The pupils who are stimulated to healthful activity by a wise teacher who knows how to interest and assist without doing their work for them are those who advance with the least resistance and in accordance with a natural plan. Whenever advancement to a higher level is possible the advance must be made or the pupil will lose interest and ambition. A large number of pupils in a grade does not preclude the idea of individual teaching. Only a small part of the pupils need assistance at any one time—it is with this small part that good teaching has to do. Class teaching is valuable according to the teacher's ability to foresee and understand the perplexities of pupils. Individual teaching does not mean teaching out of school hours—the place for individual help is in the class room.

It is now possible for a bright pupil who is strong physically to do the work of the eight grades in seven years. This advancement is based on the development of the mind and body and will do away with much of the unrest caused by the length of time required for the completion of the public school work. No pupil should be pushed beyond his

strength, nor should one be allowed to idle away his time waiting for work that is suited to his capacity.

It is said that tradition has had much to do with keeping up old forms of promotion and old methods of teaching, but it appears that tradition has had very little to do with the cast-iron grade system that has become so firmly entrenched throughout the country, for this product is purely modern and shaped to meet the demands of those who have placed system above reason.

There is no difficulty in promoting pupils whenever their interests require it, provided we make our grading more flexible, shape our courses of study upon a more liberal plan, and employ only teachers of ability and culture who place the interests of the pupils first.

It has been our aim during the past year to develop a stronger sympathy among the teachers for the work outlined above, and I have been pleased to note a decided improvement in the quality of teaching. We do not expect radical changes, we do not care for the introduction of too many new elements, but we do hope for a steady advancement from the first grade through the high school as a result of improved teaching and more careful management. The arrangement of the Osgood school makes it comparatively easy to break down grade lines whenever it is best, and there is a grand opportunity for the development of each pupil to the extent of his ability.

Text-Books and Supplies.

The growth of the high school and the increase in some of the grades has made it necessary to expend more for text books and supplies than we have spent in former years. It will be necessary to continue to expend additional sums for a few years until all the schools are well supplied with what is needed for successful work. We have practiced the strictest economy in the matter of supplies. The books

call for a considerable expenditure each year, and we should not economize too much in this direction. Each department must be well supplied with books and materials in order to do the work as you would have it done. The amount of last year's appropriation was $100 greater than that of the previous year, but the additional amount did not purchase what the additional pupils demanded. Many of the books now in use in the high school are worn out, and we should add new and better editions.

In the grades there is a need of good literature for supplementary reading. A few reference books should be added each year in each department.

Condition of Buildings.

The two buildings now in use will need only small repairs for some time to come. The roof of the Osgood school will need some attention, and some painting will be necessary during the next summer vacation. The interior of each room has received careful attention, and the appearance is neat and well kept. The seats and desks were repaired and refinished in two rooms during the summer. Many of the desks have been in constant use for a generation, and the marks of former pupils, who are now men, could be plainly seen upon the wood. It was necessary to plane off the desk tops in order to got smooth surfaces for writing. Varnish did a great deal toward making the old furniture look presentable, but it is still old and in many cases rough.

The thorough repairs made upon the heating apparatus at the Osgood school during the fall have made it possible to heat the building in the coldest weather without unduly forcing the furnaces, and the amount of coal consumed is less than ever before.

The two radiators placed in the first and second grade rooms have been very effective. The ventilation of the

rooms has been good except on a very few days when the draught has been poor in the stacks. The Beechwood school is heated by a stove. There is no means of ventilating except by opening windows. Without great expense a jacketed stove could be introduced with a cold air box connecting it with the out door air. A small heater could be placed in the unused stack to furnish the draught for removing the foul air from the room. This improvement should be made as soon as possible.

Conclusion.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation of the faithful service of the teachers, the hearty co-operation of the parents, and the constant support of your committee, these forces that have worked together in harmony for the advancement of the general school interests.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON G. HOWARD,

Superintendent of Schools.

Cohasset, December 31, 1903.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The aim of all courses in drawing is unquestionably to develop and train the powers of observation, mental imagery and manual dexterity, and if an appreciation of the true and beautiful is awakened by these means, then the possibilities of such courses are greatly enlarged.

The actual results of an exercise in drawing may or may not have individual merit, but at least these results are not the sole aim and end of the lesson, for they surely prove

just how much and how well the children have been able to observe and express.

The correlation of drawing to other subjects — nature study, geography, bird study, history, physiology and so on, — is of vital importance and is keenly appreciated.

Drawing has, too, a mission of its own, and acts as a stimulus and incentive for close observation of the life around us, and gradually helps the child to become more and more sensitive to the wonder and beauty of nature.

The work this year has been very satisfactory. The grade teacher in charge of the drawing has worked with rare enthusiasm and interest.

Each room is visited once in two weeks, and the cordial welcome and good-will of the teachers and pupils have been very gratifying.

In September and October plant form was studied for the spirit and character of growth and purity of color.

In November form study was taken up, and working drawings and patterns were made of the models.

In December good work was done in the actual construction of objects based on the type solids.

Color scales and harmonies are studied in the upper grades, while the lower grades have picture study.

Great stress is being made on foreshortened surfaces in pictorial drawing.

In the High School, which is visited once each week, there are thirty-six pupils in the drawing classes.

The boys are interested in mechanical drawing and their work shows accuracy and neatness. Geometric problems, projection, developments and machine drawing are the subjects to be taken.

The free-hand drawing of objects is growing stronger week by week. The charcoal drawings in values, showing light and shade, solidity and texture, are particularly helpful.

The original designs for and the workmanship of the tooled leather are to be commended.

The results of this year's work show the serious, careful and excellent work that has been done in previous years under able supervisors and grade teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN CHILTON FRENCH.

COHASSET, December 31, 1903.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

A complete outline of the work in music has been given in previous reports. As the progress from year to year varies but little, I will simply say that in comparing the work of the past year with that of preceding years in the same grades, I find truer tones and greater facility in sight reading. With regard to the first named, it is now an exception when a class falls from pitch, while five years ago it was a common occurrence to end a song or exercise of considerable length, a half, or even a whole tone, below true pitch.

We have given less attention to writing music the past year than heretofore, having spent much time on individual work. Permit me to quote a few lines on this subject, from a paper read by George W. Wilmont, Superintendent of Music, New Brunswick, N. J.:

"What is the cause of the difficulty experienced in getting boys and girls from thirteen to sixteen years of age to sing alone? Why do they hang their heads and become embarrassed if asked to sing a short passage alone? They do not act in that manner if asked to read a sentence out of

a book. What is the reason that they are afraid to hear their singing voice, and are not afraid to hear their speaking voice? Simply because they have been required to stand on their feet every day and read out of a book from their first year in school, and hear the sound of their own speaking voice. They should hear their own singing voice every day and get accustomed to it. . . . ." Now, while I think this can be carried to excess, and thus lose the real beauty and pleasure of singing, I will admit that it makes better readers as each must give his undivided attention, so that he may be ready when called upon.

Perhaps some statistics as to the number of pupils in each grade who probably will never be able to sing, or, in other words, who are tone-deaf, would interest you.

In the First Primary, it is difficult to determine the number of toneless ones, as it often takes a year or more for many to learn the scale. Such are not classed as toneless until after the third year.

I have now in mind a pupil whom it took nearly three years to catch the tones of the scale, or of a simple song. That pupil is now in the Seventh Grade and is one of the best singers, with regard to both tone and sight-reading.

Grade	II	whole number	33,	4 toneless.
Grade	III	whole number	26,	1 doubtful.
Grade	IV	whole number	48,	6 toneless.
Grade	V	whole number	43,	3 toneless.
Grade	VI	whole number	52,	1 toneless.
Grade	VII	whole number	42,	1 toneless.
Grade	VIII	whole number	29,	1 toneless.

The above shows 17, or 6¼ per. cent out of a class of 273, who are tone-deaf.

This excludes First Primary and High. In the latter class there were 70 pupils who joined in singing at the begin-

ning of school year. For various reasons a few have discontinued.

One reason for this is, that the poor readers finding the music too difficult, have not sufficient ambition, or love for singing to induce extra work, and so prefer to spend the time on other lessons. We have two twenty-five minute periods weekly which seems hardly sufficient to accomplish much.

I have given one lesson weekly in each of the other grades, the regular teacher drilling the pupils on said lesson during the intervening periods with excellent results.

The Eighth Grade pupils are now singing selections from High School graduating music of preceeding years. This is a step forward, as two years ago it would have been impossible. I think, by their pleased and satisfied countenances, that they are rather proud of it.

I will again present my plea for a new piano, and sincerely hope that money will be appropriated for one at coming March meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH C. BATES.

Cohasset, December 31, 1903.

One Hundred and Thirty-Fifth Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE SELECTMEN

OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET

AND THE

REPORTS OF OTHER TOWN OFFICERS,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1904.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1904-'05.

Town Clerk.

HARRY F. TILDEN.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

PHILANDER BATES	Chairman,	Term expires	March, 1905
NEWCOMB B. TOWER	"	"	March, 1906
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW	"	"	March, 1907

Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes.

ABRAHAM H. TOWER,

*NEWCOMB B. TOWER, pro tempore.

School Committee.

MRS. ELIZABETH O. DAVENPORT,	Term	expires	March, 1905
CALEB LATHROP	"	"	March, 1905
MRS. MARTHA P. HOWE	"	"	March, 1906
SAMUEL STODDARD	"	"	March, 1906
CHARLES W. GAMMONS	"	"	March, 1907
CORNELIUS KEEFE	"	"	March, 1907

Constables.

EDWARD E. WENTWORTH A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD
JOHN ROCHE, SIDNEY L BEAL,
MANUEL S. ENOS, JOSEPH A. ANTOINE,
JOHN FLEMING.

Auditor.

WENTWORTH J. EARLE.

Tree Warden.

HENRY L. McMAHON.

Trustees of the Public Library.

EDITH M. BATES . . .	Term expires		March, 1905
MRS. EDWARD F. RIPLEY .	"	"	March, 1905
OLIVER H. HOWE . . .	"	"	March, 1905
EDWARD H. TOWER . .	"	"	March, 1907
LOUIS T. CUSHING . .	"	"	March, 1907
ABRAHAM H. TOWER . .	"	"	March, 1907
MRS. ABRAHAM H. TOWER .	"	"	March, 1906
EDWARD F. RIPLEY . .	"	"	March, 1906
SARAH B. COLLIER . .	"	"	March, 1906

Field Drivers.

E. SNOW, Jr., HENRY E. SWEENEY,
M. E. SALVADOR, ELMER E. BATES,
GEORGE JASON, PHILANDER BATES.

Fence Viewers.

LEVI L. WORRICK, A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD,
THOMAS A. ROCHE.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR THE YEAR 1904-5.

Fire Engineers.

HARRY E. MAPES, THOMAS A. RICH,
HENRY E. BRENNOCK, ELMER E. BATES,
GEORGE JASON, GEORGE W. GROCE.

Auctioneers.

AARON PRATT, EDWARD E. WENTWORTH,
JAMES S. BEAL.

Superintendent of Streets.

PHILANDER BATES.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

PAUL J. BATES.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

HERBERT L. BROWN, FRANKLIN BEAL.

Surveyors of Lumber.

ARTHUR O. HIGGINS, JOSEPH A. VALINE.

Public Weighers.

HERBERT L. BROWN, ALFRED BEAL.

Pound Keeper.

L. LINCOLN WORRICK.

Keeper of the Lockup.

WILLIAM J. BRENNOCK.

Harbor Master and Harbor Police.

JOSEPH JASON, Jr.

Registrars of Voters.

JOHN L. PRATT . . .	Term expires	May 1, 1905
GEORGE O. HIGGINS . .	" "	May 1, 1907
CALEB F. NICHOLS, Chairman,	" "	May 1, 1906

HARRY F. TILDEN, ex-officio, Clerk of the Board.

Inspector of Animals.

DARIUS W. GILBERT, V. S.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

GEORGE W. TINKHAM.

Special Police Officers.

FRANK JASON, M. WILLIAM SILVIA,
JOHN J. GRASSIE, MANUEL P. VALINE,
SIDNEY L. BEAL, JOSEPH A. ANTOINE,
JOHN FLEMING.

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*Appointed by Selectmen April 30, to fill vacancy caused by the death of Abraham H. Tower.

TOWN OF COHASSET.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

For 1904.

Doings of the

TOWN OF COHASSET.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Extracts from the Town Records.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Cohasset this seventh day of March, 1904, agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same the several articles contained were acted upon as follows:

Previous to taking up article 1 the Town Clerk appointed as Teller, Newcomb B. Tower.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Voted, That one ballot be cast for Philander Bates, Moderator.

Chose, Philander Bates, Moderator. The Moderator appointed as Tellers, Newcomb B. Tower, Herbert A. Tilden and Arthur Mulvey.

Article 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year, one Selectman, one Asssessor and one Overseer of the Poor for three years, a Treasurer for the ensuing year, a Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year, two members of the School Committee for three years and one member of the School Committee for two years to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. Charles W. Merriam; seven Constables, one Auditor and one Tree Warden for the ensuing year, all to be brought in on one ballot. Also, to vote upon the question: "Shall Licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in the town the current year?" The

vote upon this question will be deposited in the State ballot box as the statute provides. The polls for the reception of ballots under this article will be kept open until half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon, and for such longer time as the voters present and voting shall determine.

Upon the above article two ballot boxes were used, one for town officers, the other for the License ballot, and the polls were closed at 10.40 o'clock.

542 ballots were cast for Town Officers as follows:

Town Clerk.

Harry F. Tilden	541

Selectman for Three Years.

Joseph S. Bigelow	320
Thomas Mannix	222

Assessor for Three Years.

Joseph S. Bigelow	319
Thomas Mannix	223

Overseer of Poor for Three Years.

Joseph S. Bigelow	320
Thomas Maunix	222

Treasurer.

Abraham H. Tower	538

Collector of Taxes.

Abraham H. Tower	538

Two Members of School Committee for Three Years.

Charles W. Gammons	522
Cornelius O'Keefe	513
Edward Nichols	11
Samuel Stoddard	13

One Member of School Committee for Two Years.

Edward Nichols	251
Samuel Stoddard	281

Seven Constables.

Edward E. Wentworth	523
John Roche	502
Manuel S. Enos	525
A. Bradford Litchfield	520
Sidney L. Beal	476
John J. Grassie	243
Joseph A. Antoine	299
John Fleming	309
George A. Stewart	217

Auditor.

Wentworth J. Earle	530
Frank R. Pegram	1

Tree Warden.

Albert S. Bigelow	1
George Jason	1
Henry L. McMahon	502

Voted, that this meeting adjourn until 1.30 P. M. Met according to adjournment and proceeded to count the License ballot. The ballot box registered 431. The names on the check list of those having voted were counted by the Town Clerk and found to be 431. The ballots were taken from the ballot box and sorted and counted and were found to be 431, and were declared to be as follows:

"No" 280. "Yes" 151.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers:

Chose, for Trustees of Public Library. Abraham H. Tower, Edward H. Tower and Louis T. Cushing.

Voted, That there be 6 Field Drivers.

Chose, for Field Drivers:

E. Snow, Jr., M. E. Salvador, George Jason, Henry E. Sweeney, Elmer E. Bates, Philander Bates.

Chose, for Fence Viewers:

Levi L. Worrick, A. Bradford Litchfield, Thomas A. Roche.

Article 4. To act upon the Report of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Treasurer of the Public Library, School Committee, Treasurer of the School Committee, Tree Warden and Auditor. Each of the above reports were, by a vote, accepted.

Article 5. What sums of money will the town raise and appropriate for the payment of debt, interest, support and relief of poor, schools, public libraries, repairs of highways and sidewalks, removing snow from streets and sidewalks, electric lights for streets, water for hydrants, public buildings, fountains and streets, and all other necessary charges and expenses for the current year.

Voted, That the sum of fifty-two thousand three hundred and seventy-five dollars ($52,375.) be raised by taxation the current year.

Voted, That the sum of sixty-four thousand, three hundred and seventy-five dollars, ($64,375) be appropriated the current year as follows:

For Payment of Debt	$1,375 00
Payment of Interest	3,000 00
Support of Schools	13,400 00
Support and Relief of Poor . . .	6,000 00
Highways and Sidewalks . . .	9,000 00
Electric Lights	5,400 00
Water for Hydrants, etc., . . .	3,200 00
Watering Streets	2,500 00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief . . .	550 00
Town Officers	3,500 00
Night Police	2,600 00
Special Police	250 00
Fire Department	1,000 00

Fire Department New Hose . . .	$750 00
Removing Snow	1,500 00
Public Libraries	2,000 00
Memorial Day	100 00
Printing	100 00
Military Aid	200 00
Inspection of Cattle	100 00
Town Hall	1,200 00
Painting and repairing Public Buildings	1,000 00
Board of Health	200 00
Tree Warden	300 00
Incidentals	1,200 00
Town Common	300 00
Straits Pond	150 00
Beechwood Street Widening . . .	3,500 00
	$64,375 00

ARTICLE 6. Will the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire what money may be needed in anticipation of the taxes, and to pay State and Military Aid?

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire what money may be needed in anticipation of the taxes and to pay State and Military aid, and also authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to refund part of the floating debt in accordance with vote passed at Annual Meeting held March 2, 1903.

ARTICLE 7. In what manner will the town collect the taxes, and at what time shall they be paid into the treasury?

Voted, That they be collected the same as last year.

ARTICLE 8. What compensation will the town allow the Collector of Taxes for the current year?

Voted, That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the current year be the same as last year: four hundred dollars.

ARTICLE 9. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act thereon.

Voted, That the report be accepted.

ARTICLE 10. Will the town accept the List of Jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen?

Voted, That the names of the six persons who requested it be crossed from the list.

Voted, To add the names of four persons.

Voted, That the following list of jurors be accepted.

William C. Appleton,	Joshua F. Higgins,
George E. Antoine,	John W. Hunt,
Walter D. Brooks,	Fred G. James,
Edgar W. Bates,	George Jason,
Franklin Beal,	Joseph St. John,
Joseph S. Bigelow, Jr.,	John T. Keating,
W. De Ford Bigelow,	Henry B. Kimball,
Fred C. Blossom,	Thomas F. Kingsley,
James E. Brennock,	Charles C. Lincoln,
Cyrus H. Bates,	Lewellyn A. Litchfield,
Charles T. Bourne,	Matthew Luce,
Augustus S. Burgess,	James J. McElroy,
Willard J. Coombs,	Henry L. McMahon,
B. Preston Clark,	Frank F. Martin, Jr.,
William E. Crocker,	Guy L. Millard,
Charles J. Enos,	Henry R. Nickerson,
John E. Frates,	George P. Neagle,
Joseph E. Grassie,	Joseph W. Osborne,
George W. Groce,	John J. A. Pratt,
Herbert R. Gott,	Thomas A. Roche,
Charles H. Hackett,	William S. Valine,

Frank W. Wheelwright

ARTICLE 11. To hear and act upon the report of any committee heretofore chosen.

Voted, That any action upon above report be deferred

until some further Town meeting and that the report of the Committee on gates at Little Harbor, together with report of Engineers on same be printed and mailed to each voter.

Article 12. Will the town appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars to be used at the discretion of the Selectmen for the suppression of crime and act thereon.

Voted, That the sum of one thousand dollors ($1,000) be appropriated.

Article 13. Will the town cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February, 1905?

Voted, in the affirmative.

Article 14. Will the town raise and appropriate, distinct from the regular School appropriation, a sum of money for the conveyance of children to the Osgood School, said money to be expended under the direction of the School Committee, or act thereon?

Voted, That the sum of twenty-eight hundred dollars ($2,800) be raised and appropriated to convey pupils to and from the Osgood School for the year 1904, to be expended by the School Committee in its discretion.

Article 15. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to maintain a Public Kindergarten?

Voted, That the sum of five hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for above purpose.

Article 16. Will the town appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to provide the Town Hall and the Chairman of the Selectmen with telephone connection, or act thereon?

Voted, That the Town appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to provide the Town Hall and the Chairman of the Selectmen with telephone connection.

Article 17. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, or otherwise, the North School house

to be removed from land belonging to the town, or act thereon?

Voted, That they be so authorized.

Article 18. Will the town accept the laying out of a new way by the Selectmen by which North Main street shall connect with Jerusalem road, as shown on a plan by Daniel N. Tower, C. E., dated January 1904, on file in the Town Clerk's office as petitioned for by Julia A. Furber, or act thereon?

Voted, That the report of the Selectmen be accepted and adopted.

Article 19. To see if the town will acquire title to all the triangular parcel of land shown on the plan of Town mentioned in the preceding article as lying between Jerusalem road, North Main street, and the new location of the connecting road between them, also so much of the land of Julia A. Furber as lies between said new location of said road and land of Mrs Clapp and the school-house lot, and keep the same forever open and unbuilt upon for the use of the public.

Voted in the affirmative.

Article 20. Will the town appropriate such sum of money for the purpose of providing for the expense attending the acceptance of the provisions of the two preceding articles as may be deemed necessary by the Selectmen, and authorize the Town Treasurer to hire the same with their approval, or act thereon?

Voted in the affirmative.

Article 21. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to give a deed of release to Anna Maria Brown, confirming the sale recently made to her by Commissioners appointed by the Probate Court of Norfolk County of a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon at the corner of Main street and Jerusalem Road in this town,

lately owned by Susannah L. Stoddard and to sign the deed in his name as Treasurer of the town and in the name and behalf of the town.

Voted, That the town treasurer be authorized to give a deed of release with proper descriptions, to Anna Maria Brown, confirming the sale recently made to her by commissioners appointed by the Probate Court of Norfolk County, of a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon. At the corner of Main Street and Jerusalem Road in the town, lately owned by Susannah L. Stoddard and to sign the deed in his name as treasurer of the town and in the name and behalf of the town.

Article 22. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey the building and land on King Street, lately used as a school house, or act thereon.

Voted, That they be so authorized. But sale of property be delayed until July 1.

Article 23. Will the town vote to use the official ballot in the election of town officers in accordance with the Provisions of the Revised Laws, chapter 11, Section 364-365, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the town adopt the official ballot.

Article 24. Will the town vote to elect five Surveyors of Highways under the provisions of Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws?

Voted, That this Article be laid on the table.

Article 25. Will the town vote to widen and gravel that part of King street lying between the northerly line of the Town Farm and the residence of Levi L. Worwick, the money for such purpose to be taken from the highway appropriation for the year 1904?

Voted, That this Article be laid on the table.

Article 26. Will the town raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of placing three electric

lights on Lincoln Hillside and two electric lights on James' Lane?

Voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 27. Will the town instruct its Selectmen to maintain one incandescent electric street light upon Elm Court, a private way leading from Elm Street?

Voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 28. Will the town instruct the Selectmen to license one or more suitable persons as dealers in junk, old metals and second-hand articles?

Voted, That they be so authorized.

Voted, That the thanks of this meeting be extended to the Moderator for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over it.

Voted, That this meeting adjourn.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting held this evening, (Sept. 22, 1904,) of the inhabitants of the town of Cohasset held at the Town Hall, agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same the several articles contained were acted upon as follows:

Previous to taking up Article 1, Joseph S. Bigelow was appointed and sworn as teller by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Chose, Philander Bates, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. Will the town reconsider the vote passed at the last annual meeting held March 7, 1904, accepting a road laid out by the Selectmen over land belonging to the Town and Julia A. Furber, connecting Jerusalem Road and No. Main Street.

Voted, To reconsider the vote passed March 7, 1904, accepting a road laid out by the Selectmen over land belonging to the town and Julia A. Furber, connecting Jerusalem Road and North Main St.

ARTICLE 3. Will the town accept of the road laid out by the Selectmen over land belonging to the town and Mary D. Sohier and others, connecting Jerusalem Road and North Main Street, and act on any thing relating thereto.

Voted, That the following report of the Selectmen be aceepted, which was as follows:

We, the undersigned Selectmen of the town of Cohasset, having complied with the requirements of the Statutes of the Commonwealth relative to the laying out or alteration of a public way in their consideration of the petition of E. P. Collier and fourteen others, dated July 1, last, for a new way to connect North Main St. with Jerusalem Road which shall supersede the unconstructed way laid out in February last and accepted at the annual meeting in March, following, and which new way the petitioners represent as being required by public necessity and convenience, have adjudicated in favor of the same, and have laid out a new way for the purpose set forth in said petition as follows:

A public way thirty feet wide is hereby laid out by which to connect North Main Street with Jerusalem Road, and the westerly line of said way commences at a point on the fence in front of land of Mary D. Sohier and others on North Main Street marked "B" on the accompanying "Plan of Proposed New Way to connect North Main Street with Jerusalem Road," made by D. N. Tower, C. E., and dated September 12, 1904, and runs north-westerly on a curve one-hundred and ninty-eight feet (seventy-three feet of the distance being along land of said Mary D. Sohier and others, and one hundred and twenty-five feet over land now belonging to the town) to a point at the junction of said land of the town of Cohasset with land of Mrs. Thomas Willcutt,

on Jerusalem Road, marked "A" on said plan. The curve of the line and way is as shown on said plan.

The only private land to be directly affected by the acceptance of this report, is the land of said Mary D. Sohier and others, and to them an award of one hundred dollars is hereby made for damages.

No street gutter drains are to conduct water onto the remaining land of said Mary D. Sohier and others, nor shall the said property be subject to a betterment assessment on account of this new way.

The Plan, above referred to, accompanies, and is made a part of this report.

The way hereby laid out is to be constructed under the direction of the Selectmen, and is to be completed within ninety days.

By the acceptance of this report, the Town Treasurer shall be authorized to hire money under the direction of and with the approval of the Selectmen, for defraying the cost of the construction of this way, in so far as the same may not otherwise be available.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of September, in the year nineteen hundred and four.

Respectfully submitted to the town for its acceptance.

PHILANDER BATES
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW } *Selectmen of Cohasset.*
NEWCOMB B. TOWER

Received, with the plan, and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, this fifteenth day of September, nineteen hundred and four.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk Of Cohasset.

ARTICLE 4. Will the town appropriate a sufficient sum of money to relocate the Electric Lights on Beach Street and to place additional lights where needed, and appoint a

Committee to carry out the same or act on any thing relating thereto.

Voted, That this article in regards to relocation of Electric Lights on Beach Street, be referred to next annual Town meeting.

ARTICLE 5. Will the town reconsider Article 14 of the annual March meeting held March 7th, 1904, and amend the same by striking out the three words "in the direction," making said vote read that the sum of twenty-eight hundred dollars be raised and appropriated to convey pupils to and from the Osgood School for the year 1904, to be expended by the School Committee.

Voted, That this article be laid on the table.

ARTICLE 6. Will the town instruct the School Committee to make satisfactory accomodation to transport the pupils to and from the Osgood School as has been done in former years.

Voted, That the town instruct its School Committee to make satisfactory accomodation to transport the pupils to and from the Osgood School as has been done in former years.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

MILITARY DUTY.

The number of men liable to perform military duty May 1, 1904, was 374

DOGS LICENSED.

The number of dogs licensed in Cohasset from December 1st, 1903, to December 1st, 1904, was as follows:

Male	184
Female	34
Total	218

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

ELECTION RECORD.

November 8, 1904.

Registered Voters in Cohasset, 636.
Whole number of Ballots cast, 487.

Electors oe President and Vice-President.

Corrigan and Cox, Soc. Labor	1
Debs and Hannaford, Soc.	2
Parker and Davis, Dem.	115
Roosevelt and Fairbanks, Rep.	326
Swallow and Carroll, Pro.	4
Watson and Tibbles, Peo. Party	6
Blanks	39

Governor.

John Quincy Adams of Amesbury, Soc.	4
John L. Bates of Boston, Rep.	268
Michael T. Berry of Lynn, Soc. Labor	2
Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton, Pro.	0
William L. Douglas of Brockton, Dem.	181
Blanks	32

Lieut. Governor.

Olof Bokelund of Worcester, Soc.	1
John C. Crosby of Pittsfield, Dem.	132
Frank P. Dyer of Arlington, Pro.	1
Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston, Rep.	294
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke, Soc. Labor	1
Blanks	58

SECRETARY.

James A. Bresnahan of Cambridge, Soc. Labor.	1
Fannie J. Clary of Williamsburg, Pro.	1
Charles C. Hitchcock of Ware, Soc.	4
Henry B. Little of Newburyport, Dem.	97
William M. Olin of Boston, Rep.	307
Blanks	77

TREASURER.

Hubert C. Bartlett of Fitchburg, Soc.	3
Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke, Rep.	306
Edmund D. Codman of Boston, Dem.	95
Andrew Mortensen of Somerville, Soc. Labor	1
Willard O. Wylie of Beverly, Pro.	4
Blanks	79

AUDITOR.

Charles E. Burnham of Worcester, Pro.	1
Walter J. Hoar of Worcester, Soc. Labor	4
Charles Stevens of Plymouth, Soc.	4
Francis X. Tetrault of Southbridge, Dem.	91
Henry E. Turner of Malden, Rep.	303
Blanks	84

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Henry M. Dean of Hyde Park, Pro.	5
John P. Leahy of Boston, Dem.	95
Herbert Parker of Lancaster, Rep.	305
John Weaver Sherman of Boston, Soc.	2
Thomas Stevenson of New Bedford, Soc. Labor	1
Blanks	79

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, 14TH DIST.

Thomas H. Buttimer of Hingham, Dem.	136
Charles H. Coulter, of Brockton, Soc.	5
Sherman E. Ellis of Brockton, Pro.	2
William C. Lovering of Taunton, Rep.	291
Blanks	53

COUNCILLOR—FIRST DISTRICT.

Herbert L. Chipman of Sandwich, Pro.	1
Roland C. Nickerson of Brewster, Rep.	309
Joseph R. Smith of Whitman, Soc.	9
Blanks	168

SENATOR.—FIRST PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Charles B. Gaffney of Abington, Pro.	2
William S. Kyle of Plymouth, Rep.	299
Henry N. Magoun of Pembroke, Dem.	98
Flavel S. Thomas of Hanson, Soc.	5
Blanks	83

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.—THIRD PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Edward Daly of Hingham, Dem.	130
Reginald L. Robbins of Hingham, Rep.	297
Blanks	60

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—NORFOLK.

Arthur Clark of Dedham, Dem.	101
Daniel H. Colemann of Braintree, Soc.	4
Sumner H. Foster of Brookline, Rep.	302
Blanks	60

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONERS—NORFOLK.

Albert G. Coffin of Quincy, Soc.	4
John Everett of Canton, Dem. Rep.	178
John J. Gallagher of Hyde Park, Soc.	5
Lewis R. Whitaker of Franklin, Rep.	254
Blanks	533

DISTRICT ATTORNEY—SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT.

Asa P. French of Randolph, Dem. Rep.	346
John McCarthy of Brockton, Soc.	11
Blanks	130

SHERIFF—NORFOLK COUNTY.

Samuel H. Capen of Dedham, Dem. Rep. . .	346
Peter M. Carlson of Quincy, Soc. . . .	10
Blanks	131

CONVENTION OF TOWN CLERKS.

THIRD PLYMOUTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.

On the eighteenth day of November, A. D., 1904, the Town Clerks of Hingham, Cohasset and Hull, said towns comprising the Third Plymouth Representative District assembled at the office of the Town Clerk in Hingham at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of examining the returns of votes given in and determining who had been elected to represent said District in the General Court, to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday in January, 1905, proceeded to canvas said returns and found the ballots given in for the several candidates to be as follows:

	Hingham.	Cohasset.	Hull.	Total
Edmund Daly of Hingham . .	315	130	53	501
Reginald L. Robbins of Hingham	510	297	149	956
Blanks	104	60	31	195
	932	467	233	1,652

It appearing that Reginald L. Robbins of Hingham had received a plurality of the votes given in, a certificate of election was issued to him.

FRED. H. MILLER, Town Clerk of Hingham,
HARRY F. TILDEN, Town Clerk of Cohasset,
JAMES JEFFREY, Town Clerk of Hull.

List of Marriages, Births and Deaths — Registered in Cohasset During the Year 1904.

MARRIAGES.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	WHERE AND BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan. 16	Burt Richardson Hattie Whitcomb	Norwell Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
Jan. 22	Daniel W. Brooks Louisa McEntire	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole.
Feb. 16	Harry Morgan Stetson Grace Lothrop Studley	Cohasset Brockton	Married at Brockton by Rev. Francis B. White.
Feb. 16	Charles Joseph Deegan Lillian Frances Pratt	Abington Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
Feb. 29	Frank Herbert Campbell Eunice Emily Stewart	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Wellesley by Rev. William W. Sleeper.
March 3	Simon L. McKenzie Sarah C. T. Beal	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow.
April 2	Daniel A. Macdonald Mabel B. Brasill	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
April 4	Robert Robertson Anna Frauzhe	Cohasset Fitchburg	Married at Fitchburg by Rev. D. F. Feehan.
April 6	George Perry Valine Mary Agnes Connell	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
April 10	Chester Howard Pratt Edna E. Burbank	Norwell Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
April 24	Antoine Leo Silvia Lucy Ann McPhee	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.

April 27	Edward Deery Catherine Mannix	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
May 15	Arthur E. Litchfield Laura Studley	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole.
May 30	Israel N. Small Ida May (Greenwood) Smith	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Quincy by Rev. Edward Norton.
June 8	Theo. Mathies Olive L. Arnold	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
June 15	Stephen Pearson Brown Edith Luce	Dover, Me. Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham.
June 15	Albert Howe Alice C. Palmer	Elizabeth, N. Y. Boston	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow.
June 21	George F. Higgins Gertrude Wagstaff	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow.
June 22	John Reid Watt Harriet Wilson Root	Cohasset Northbridge	Married at Northbridge by Rev. James H. Childs.
June 23	William H. McGaw Priscilla L. Collier	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole.
June 28	Herbert Chester Sargent Ida Rushlow	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at No. Scituate by Rev. Arthur W. Cleaves.
June 28	Henry Beal Bates Bessie Lincoln Crocker	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole.
June 29	Henry L. Willard, Jr. Florence Helen Holmes	Cohasset Hyde Park	Married at Hyde Park by Rev. L. J. Birney.
June 30	Samuel Chester Pratt Ora M. Homer	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
July 14	Horatio B. Tower Gertrude White Hall	Cohasset Atlantic (Quincy)	Married at Quincy by Rev. Edward Norton.

MARRIAGES—*Continued.*

July 17	William M. Fillebrown Alice Agnes Antoine	Dorchester Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
July 20	Charles Edwin Paine Sarah Lawrence Flavin	Providence, R. I. Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Reginald Williams.
July 20	David Souther Mabel Louisa McKenzie	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
July 28	Everett R. Marsh Mrs. C. Winnifred Dyer	Scituate Scituate	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
Aug. 7	Howard J. Bray Fannie G. Burbank	No. Hanover Scituate	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
Aug. 18	Willard C. Greene May Hanlon	Boston Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow.
Aug. 28	William Edward Sexton Catherine Frances Morrisey	Norwell Norwell	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole.
Aug. 30	Clarence Edward Wilbur Nellie Lewis Beale	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Hingham by Rev. Charles E Park.
Aug. 31	Patrick Grassie Frances L. Silvia	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Joseph P. Lawless.
Sept. 3	Manuel Silvia Mary Dora	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole.
Sept. 10	George H. Munnis Elsie J. Morse	Cohasset Reading	Married at Reading by Rev. Josiah H. Tilton.
Sept. 14	Charles S. McGaw Sarah J. Black	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow.

Sept. 14	Augustus E Anderson Lucy E. Smith	Everett Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Joseph P. Lawless.
Oct. 3	Levi N. Osborne, Jr. Leonora I. Martin	Norwell Scituate	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Frank Park.
Oct. 17	Andrew Rose Robinson Daisy Maude Orleman	New York New York	Married at No. Cohasset by Rev. Cecil Harper.
Oct. 19	John Malcolm Gillis Ada Allen	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Howard K. Bartow.
Oct. 19	Edward Clarence Tower Carrie G. Bates	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at East Weymouth by Rev. William R Cole
Oct. 19	Clifton Long Bremer Leslie McGregor Morison	Cohasset Boston	Married at Beverly by Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham.
Nov. 24	Alexander Brown Katie E. Haley	Dorchester Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William H. McDonough.
Nov. 29	John Harris Winters Mabel Frances Treat	Boston Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Frank B. McAllister.
Nov. 30	Frank Rush Pegram Laura Addison Gross	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole.
Dec. 14	Frederick A. Penfold Mary A. Visneau	Hingham Hingham	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole.
Dec. 26	Manuel R. DeSousa Anna Grace Markwich	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. William H McDonough.
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Sept. 30	Theodore W. Little Catherine Whitney	Brookline Brookline	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham.

Forty-eight marriages were registered in Cohasset, as per above list, of which thirty-six were solemnized in this town. Thirty-one grooms and thirty-four brides were residents of Cohasset, while there were but twenty-four marriages in which both were residents of this town.

HARRY F. TILDEN. Town Clerk.

BIRTHS, 1904.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAME.	MOTHERS' M. N.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
Jan. 3	Sarah Staples Pratt.	Ira N. and Sarah L.	App's.	Beechwood St.
Jan. 10	Evelyn Lillian Martell.	Ralph and Lillian.	Anislie.	Stockbridge St.
Jan. 28	Martin Gerald Grassie.	John J. and Caroline E.	Neagle.	Cushing Rd.
Mar. 3	Mammie Frances Flint.	Arthur W. and Mary L.	Dodge.	No. Main St.
Mar. 10	Howard Francis Enos.	Charles J. and Inez.	Martin.	Spring St.
Mar. 21	Waldo Edwin Souther.	Russell and Rosa.	Baba.	Elm St.
Mar. 31	Carroll Davis Pratt.	Edgar J. and Annie I.	Howland.	Pratt Lane.
April 11	Catherine Elizabeth Silvia.	Jos. L. and Unis M.	Silvia.	Oak St.
April 19	Mary Jessie Bates.	Ellery C. and Julia W.	Treat.	Beechwood St.
April 24	Julia McDonald.	Daniel and Mabel.	Brazie.	Atlantic Ave.
April 28	Burton Wallace Studley.	Clarence and Bertha.	Liswell.	Jerusalem Rd.
May 20	Thomas Joseph Silvia.	Joseph M. and Catherine.	Connell.	Border St.
May 23	Dorothy Osgood James.	Ezekiel and Nellie.	Bates.	King St.
May 24	Frederic Reno Maitland.	Frederic and Eleanor B.	Pierce.	Beechwood St.
May 29	Paul Silvia Brazill.	Clarence and Mary J.	Delory.	Summer St.
June 3	Lena Frances Henry.	George A. and Anastasia.	O'Neil.	No. Main St.
June 18	Edwin Muncks Cole.	William R. and Leonore.	Schumann.	Ripley Road.
July 3	Walter Michael Poland.	Michael and Abbie.	Coffie.	Short St
July 5	Daniel Thomas Horgan.	Francis J. and Mary M.	Donohue.	Hull St.
July 10	Walter Andrew Hanson.	Martin and Wilhelmina	Osendale.	No. Main St.
July 11	Charles Tower Haven.	Charles F. and Margaret B.	Tower.	No. Main St.
July 16	John Bernard Clark.	John and Bertha M.	Toohey.	So. Main St.
July 18	Margaret Evelyn Sylvester.	Clarence and Vera J.	Huids.	Margin St.
July 22	William Henry McArthur.	William and May.	Rushlow.	Beechwood St.
July 30	Annie Burke.	Michael and Annie.	McNomara.	Parker Ave.
Aug. 5	Richardson White.	Charles J. and Olivia A.	Richardson.	Jerusalem Rd.
Aug. 11	Harold Raymond Tower.	Thomas A. and Mary M.	McLoud.	Beechwood St.

Aug. 15 . .	John Martin Coyne.	Patrick and Annie.	Walsh.	Highland Ave.
Aug. 30 . .	Richard Jewett Pennell.	Henry B. and Grace R.	Jewett.	Atlantic Ave.
Sept. 4 . .	George Jacobs.	Horatio and Addie L.	Chase.	Hull St.
Sept. 4 . .	——— Peter.	Antoine and ———.	———	Sohier St.
Sept. 4 . .	Francis Marion Curley.	William and Elizabeth.	Dolan.	Jerusalem Rd.
Sept. 8 . .	Charles Leo Jason.	Charles and Mary E.	Brennock.	Stockbridge St.
Sept. 8 . .	George Wilkie Sprague.	Charles and Nellie.	Wilkie.	Summer St.
Sept. 11 . .	Margaret Allen Mitchell.	Franklin W. and Fillie.	Frates.	Beechwood St.
Sept. 17 . .	William Francis McAuliffe.	Michael and Margaret.	O'Connor.	Pleasant St.
Sept. 20 . .	Luiz Edmunds Salvador.	Manuel E. and Theresa.	D'Azevedo.	Stockbridge St.
Sept. 27 . .	Patrick James Duffy.	Michael and Mary.	Coyne.	Smith Place.
Sept. 29 . .	Mary Agnes Stover.	Charles E. and Lillie C.	Rooney.	Border St.
Oct. 2 . .	Eleanor Frances Litchfield.	Arthur E. and Laura.	Studley.	Smith Place.
Oct. 6 . .	——— Pratt.	Chester H. and Edna.	Burbank.	Beechwood St.
Oct. 9 . .	Miriam Lary.	Stanley and Blanche B.	Noyes.	Elm St.
Oct. 26 . .	Leighton Sayward Tower.	Burgess C. and Carola.	Leighton.	So. Main St.
Nov. 1 . .	Ethelind May Monteire.	George and Edith L.	Antoine.	Stockbridge St.
Nov. 3 . .	Eleanor Elizabeth Mulcahy.	John and Hannah.	Hart.	Pleasant St.
Nov. 3 . .	Frank Alton Andrew.	Frank and Lula.	Wood.	Beechwood St.
Nov. 8 . .	Joseph Allen Madden.	John and Margaret M.	Allen.	Jerusalem Rd.
Nov. 19 . .	Sarah Guild Tanger.	Charles A. and Emma V.	Leonard.	Elm St.
Nov. 26 .	Mary V. McPhee.	Amos and Mary E.	Perkeies.	Summer St.
Dec. 2 . .	Orman Homer Pratt	Samuel C. and Ora M.	Homer.	Beechwood St.
Dec. 26 . .	Frank E. McLean.	Nathaniel B. and Katie E.	Powers.	Hull St.
Dec. 31 . .	Charles Joseph Smith.	John F. and Ellen.	Connely.	Border S.
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Nov. 21 . .	Margaret Seabury Pratt.	Frederick H. and Margaret.	Haynes.	Newton, Mass.

The above list contains the names of 52 babies born in Cohasset in 1904. Of which thirty-one were males and twenty-one were females with parentage as follows: American father and mother, 24; foreign father and mother, 9; American father and foreigh mother, 11; foreign father and American mother, 8.

HARRY F. TILDEN, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS—1904.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE. Y	M	D	CAUSE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF DEATH.
Jan. 7	Albert Godfrey Ellerton	1	4	—	Valvular Heart Disease	Smith Place
Jan. 16	Eliza Lincoln Beal	61	2	20	Hernia	Hull St.
Jan. 27	Charles Farrall	86	10	11	La Grippe	Oak St.
Jan. 29	(1) John Edward Hare	22	6	20	Septicemia	No. Main St.
Feb. 2	(2) Albert Ellis Harding	55	4	14	Suicidal Shooting	Jerusalem Rd.
Feb. 17	Warren Newcomb	71	11	1	Chronic Diarrhœa	Church St.
Feb. 21	William D. Wood	76	4	10	Cardiac Thrombous	King St.
Feb. 29	(1) Mary A. (Nichols) Gardner	72	—	27	Bright's Disease	No. Main St.
Feb. 29	(3) Minnie E. (Ryan) Antoine	19	11	19	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Smith Place
Mar. 19	Margaret C. Botailyo	—	3	10	Spina Bifida	Pleasant St.
Mar. 31	James Wheeler Nichols	78	4	26	La Grippe	King St.
April 5	(1) Mary J. (Reed) Sturtevant	57	11	—	Cancer of Liver	Hull St.
April 7	Louis T. Cushing	55	10	7	Dilatation of Heart	So. Main St.
April 11	(1) Margaret Willis	66	—	—	Valvular Disease of Heart	So. Main St.
April 23	Henry Snow	93	7	5	Senile Decay	Beechwood St.
April 25	Abraham Hobart Tower	75	0	24	Valvular Disease of Heart	No. Main St.
April 27	Hepzibah (Nichols) Cook	78	5	—	Chronic Rheumatism	Beach St.
May 20	Georgianna Bates	63	4	—	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Beechwood St.
May 23	Bethana E. (Studley) Whitcomb	64	3	22	Fatty Heart	Border St.
May 24	(1) Margaret (Cronican) Mulcahy	78	—	—	Valvular Disease of Heart	Pleasant St.
May 28	Frederika C. Petersen	15	11	2	Typhoid Fever	Parker Ave.
June 4	Kate D. (Coles) Hare	42	3	10	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Oak St.
June 16	Frank E. Flint	32	—	—	Accidental Drowning	Boston Harbor
June 24	Frank Reynolds	26	3	8	Pulmonary Phthisis	King St.
June 27	Betsey L. (Sherman) Taylor	80	5	15	Oedemia of Lungs	Hull St.
July 5	(4) William Sweet Hudson	61	—	—	Carcinoma of the Stomach	Beechwood St.
July 9	Flora M. Palmer	53	3	10	Phthisis Pulmonalis	Brockton, Mass.

July 12	Priscilla N. Lincoln	79	7	1	Heart Disease	Boston, Mass.
July 18	Harry E. Beal	29	2	—	Apoplexy	Hull St.
July 27	Margaret (Burns) Haskell	72	3	18	Bronchitis	Beechwood St.
Aug. 5	Frank H. Beeler	51	—	—	Cirrhosis of Liver	Beechwood St.
Sept. 4	Frederick Tower	83	10	—	Chronic Cystitis	No. Main St.
Sept. 12	(5) Charles S. Bates	85	10	3	Valvular Disease of Heart	No. Main St.
Sept. 18	George Jacobs	—	—	14	Acute Atrophy	Hull St.
Sept. 25	Elizabeth L. Hall	89	7	7	Pneumonia	Boston, Mass.
Oct. 17	Henry Clay Mapes	68	5	17	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Elm St.
Oct. 18	Charles Addison Gross	72	3	23	Valvular Disease of Heart	So. Main St.
Oct. 19	Mary Fratus	74	—	—	General Debility	Quincy, Mass.
Oct. 21	Alvira S. Pierce	82	1	—	Arteria Sclerosis	Medford, Mass
Oct. 26	Isaac H. Lambert	85	10	5	Pneumonia	Hull St
Nov. 17	(1) Agnes (White) Hefferan	61	—	—	Atony of the Stomach	Pleasant St.
Nov. 28	Theodosia (Russel) Nichols	75	5	6	Congestion of the Lungs	So. Main St.
Dec. 2	Jane Bates Tower	58	—	11	Uraemia	Beach St.
Dec. 8	Adolph Perry Jacome	3	3	14	Epilepsy	Border St.
Dec. 9	Flora J. Arnold	19	2	--	Phthisis Pulmonalis	Church St.
Dec. 9	Susan (Wood) Beal	56	6	24	Lobar Pneumonia	Jerusalem Rd.
Dec. 13	Lydia (Morse) Scott	71	4	15	Valvular Disease of Heart	Beechwood St.
Dec. 27	James Arthur Clark	4	2	4	Croupous Pneumonia	Hull St.

1—Buried at Hingham.

2—Buried at Forest Hills Cemetery.

3—Buried at Brookline.

4—Buried at Ashmont.

5—Buried at Cambridge.

The above list comprises forty-eight names, and includes six who have died in other places, who were either residents of this town or were brought here for burial. Of the forty-two who died in this town twenty-two were males and twenty were females, and their average age was fifty-four years, nine months and twenty-six days. Seventeen were born in Cohasset, one in Scituate, one in Hull, two in Hingham, three in Boston, one in Marshfield, one in Westminister, one in Duxbury, one in Dorchester, one in Cambridge, two in New York, one in Maine, one in New Hampshire, two in Virginia, one in New Foundland, and four in foreign countries.

Five were under five years, three between ten and twenty, three between twenty and thirty, one between forty and fifty, six between fifty and sixty, seven between sixty and seventy, eleven between seventy and eighty, five between eighty and ninety, and one over ninety years of age.

HARRY F. TILDEN, Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE SELECTMEN

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1904.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 31, 1904.

In submitting their annual report of expenditures for 1904, the Selectmen have endeavored to make the report so plain that those who read may understand it, but should any one wish an explanation of any part, it will be cheerfully given when the report is before the town for acceptance at the annual meeting.

EXPENDITURES.

Town of Cohasset for the Year Ending December 31, 1904, by the Selectmen.

ABATEMENTS.

Paid abatement on taxes of 1903 .	$355 50	
Paid abatement on taxes of 1904 .	761 05	
		$1,116 55

BEECHWOOD STREET WIDENING.

Paid Franklin Stoddard, labor and team	$ 86 42
Frank W. Wheelwright, labor and team . . .	248 60
Frederick G. James, labor	253 50
Harry W. Burbank, labor	135 00
James Dalton, labor . .	173 00
Manuel L. Botailyo, labor	112 50
Joseph R. Gott, labor .	137 00

William St. John, labor .	$128 00
John Bean, labor . .	42 00
L. Lincoln Wheelwright, labor	120 00
Harry O. Wood, labor .	86 00
William H. Reed, labor .	91 00
Samuel L. Williams, labor	198 50
Frank Beiler, labor . .	20 00
Walter P. Bates, labor .	26 00
John Fleming, labor . .	42 50
Manuel R. Silvia, labor .	30 50
Antoine Francis, labor .	28 50
John Kennedy, labor .	90 50
Andrew H. Prouty, labor .	5 00
George Odell, labor . .	11 00
James O. McCormack, labor	8 00
Theo. Mathias, labor, . .	52 00
George F. Sargent, labor .	51 00
Cyrus W. Bates, labor and team	112 60
George W. Mealy, labor and team	93 75
Thomas A. Stevens, labor and team	136 25
Waldo C. Locke, labor and team	138 25
John W. Bates, labor and team	66 12
William O. Souther, labor and team	35 00
Manuel S. Leonard, labor and team	46 37
Thomas W. Whitcomb, labor and team	63 75

Elmer E. Bates, labor and team	$28 00	
Edwin W. Bates, labor and team	32 00	
Joseph W. Whitcomb, labor and team . . .	27 90	
Ira N. Pratt, labor and team	16 50	
Levi Lincoln, team . .	4 00	
Mrs. Mary R. Cushing, team	61 25	
Benjamin Shaw & Co., stone curbing &c., . . .	92 45	
Charles A. Gross, rendrock	10 55	
Norris Bros. & Co., rendrock	23 31	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber &c.	23 96	
Mercy G. Seaverns & Co., rendrock . . .	21 45	
Frank M. Nichols, smithing	56 35	
A. Foster Nott, for land taken	20 00	
Matthew Markwick, for land taken	10 00	
Herbert L. Brown, Treasurer, gravel	52 70	
		$3,349 03

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Floretta Vining, advertising	$40 00	
Warren F. Snow, disinfecting	49 50	
Melvin & Badger, formaldehyde	7 50	
William D. Hill, M. D., analysis of water . .	10 00	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., services and expenses .	31 15	

Patrick Grassie, cleaning pond	$11 00	
Joseph Frates, cleaning pond	8 00	
Harry F. Tilden, team .	2 00	
Manuel P. Valine, burying dog	2 00	
Philander Bates, services .	20 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, services	20 00	
		$201 15

BILLINGS-PRATT PARK.

Paid William W. Bates, labor and team	$47 50	
Elmer E. Bates, labor and team	121 25	
Thomas W. Whitcomb, labor and team	3 50	
Walter P. Bates, labor .	17 00	
George F. Sargent, labor .	25 00	
Antoine Sylvia, labor .	21 00	
Fred L. Fuller, labor . .	18 00	
John Bean, labor . .	2 00	
Benjamin Shaw & Co., stone	34 10	
Herbert L. Brown, sundry bills	45 50	
Tower Bros. & Co., drain-pipe, etc. . . .	5 10	
		$339 95

COMMONS.

Paid Benjamin F. Morse, labor and team	$122 00	
Charles E. Tyrer, labor .	74 00	
Edward L. Brickett, care of mowers	14 00	

George F. Higgins, repairs on mower	$3 75	
Estate A. C. Bates, grass hook	50	
William Mulvey, manure .	27 75	
		$242 00

COUNTY TAX.

Paid Charles H. Smith, County Treasurer . .		$4,714 09

DAM AT MILL BRIDGE.

Paid Benjamin Shaw & Co., stone	$162 94	
Tower Bros. & Co., cement, lumber, etc. . . .	72 09	
Antoine E. Salvador, labor .	54 00	
Frank J. Salvador, labor .	36 00	
Manuel P. Valine, labor .	11 33	
Frank D. Grassie, labor .	8 00	
Joseph M. Sylvia, labor .	7 00	
Henry E. Brennock, labor .	16 75	
George M. Ennice, labor .	33 00	
James Dalton, labor . .	10 00	
Charles I. Sylvia, labor .	2 50	
Thomas W. Whitcomb, teaming	47 50	
George Jason, teaming .	40 00	
Harry L. Willard, Jr., teaming	6 50	
George F. Higgins, iron work, etc. . . .	24 98	
Abraham Edlestein, bags .	1 95	
Edgar W. Bates, sand . .	1 25	
John Beale, use of derrick .	27 00	
		$562 79

ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAW.

Paid M. William Silvia, services and expenses . . .	$574 77
G. W. Keith, services and expenses . . .	24 31
Henry J. Matthews, services and expenses . . .	6 15
Edwin F. Knight, services and expenses . . .	87 22
John McPherson, services and expenses . . .	27 15
C. M. Jones, services and expenses	51 35
Calvin A. Howes, services and expenses . . .	38 05
W. O. Crooker, services and expenses	22 05
Mellin U. Smart, services and expenses . . .	38 50
E. P. Murphy, services and expenses	23 80
Donahue, services and expenses	8 70
George E. Easton, services and expenses . . .	6 20
George E. Nason, services and expenses . . .	11 30
Chester W. Osborn, services and expenses . . .	61 05
H. F. Chamberlain, services and expenses . . .	25 00
John Roundtry, services and expenses	57 40
John Roche, services and expenses	28 00

J. W. McAnarney, counsel .	$32 00	
Henry L. Willard, Jr., team	20 75	
John W. Bates, team . .	10 00	
Harry F. Tilden, team .	25 75	
		$1,179 50

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Orders of the Board of Fire Engineers . . .		$1,987 28

HIGHWAYS.

Paid Orders of the Superintendent of Streets . . .		$9,015 00

HOSE HOUSE—NORTH COHASSET.

Paid William H. McGaw, contract	$1,000 00	
William H. McGaw, extra work and materials . .	198 32	
Hingham Water Co., piping	21 59	
Hingham Water Co., water .	6 00	
E. K. Willard, electric wiring	35 00	
Edward Nichols, architect .	94 50	
Est. A. C. Bates, plumbing	36 50	
Samuel D. Tower, painting sign	14 00	
		$1,405 91

HIRED MONEY AND INTEREST.

Paid Cohasset Savings Bank—Note due 1904— . .	$1,375 00
Cohasset Savings Bank,—loan	17,000 00
Hingham Institution for Savings	10,000 00

Webster and Atlas National Bank, money hired in anticipation of taxes . .	$9,864 44	
Interest on 1904 loans .	314 94	
Interest on Notes . .	3,095 84	
		$41,650 22

INSPECTION OF CATTLE.

Paid Darius W. Gilbert, V. S., Inspector	$100 00

IMPROVEMENT OF COMMON.

Paid Michael J. O'Hearn, balance due	$1,049 54	
Cohasset Water Co., water .	212 10	
Walter B. Foster, C. E., balance due . . .	104 95	
		$1,366 59

LEGAL COUNSEL.

Paid Tower, Talbot & Hiler, Griffin case	$338 73	
Harry F. Tilden, witness fees, Griffin case	10 80	
Philip Sullivan, E. G. Stewart case	200 00	
		$549 53

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid William F. Thayer, Quartermaster	$100 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid Robert L. Curtis . .	$144 00	
Warren Newcomb . .	24 00	
Willie F. Thayer . .	96 00	
		$264 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Monteiro Tailoring Co., repairing flag . . .	$ 4.50
Floretta Vining, advertising	19 82
Harry F. Tilden, team for Town Clerk . . .	7 50
Harry F. Tilden, team for Constables . . .	95 00
Harry F. Tilden, team for Selectmen . . .	7 50
Harry F. Tilden, paid expressage, etc. . . .	11 10
Harry F. Tilden, recording etc., 55 births . . .	27 50
Harry F. Tilden, recording etc., 49 marriages . .	9 80
Harry F. Tilden, recording etc., 49 deaths . .	9 80
Harry F. Tilden, 43 burial permits	6 45
Harry F. Tilden, administering 22 oaths . . .	5 50
Luther J. Bates, distributing reports	7 00
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., return of births . . .	4 25
Herbert E. Fernald, M. D., return of births . .	8 00
Charles B. Bridgham, M. D., return of births . .	3 25
W. J. Brennan, meals for lock-up	4 55
John J. Hanley, meals for lock-up and officers . .	8 05

Central House, meals for lock-up and officers . . .	$14 50
William J. Brennock, Keeper of lock-up . . .	10 00
William J. Brennock, watching at lock-up . . .	4 00
Oak Hall Clothing Co., officer's suit for J. A. Antoine	39 50
A. Shuman & Co., officer's suit for J. J. Grassie .	67 10
A. Shuman & Co., officer's suit for M. P. Valine .	25 00
A. Shuman & Co., officer's suit for S. L. Beal . .	10 25
Oak Hall Clothing Co., helmet for S. L. Beal . . .	3 00
Oak Hall Clothing Co., officer's suit for Frank Jason	17 00
Joseph St. John, sundries for lock-up	43
E. L. Burdakin list of real estate transfers . .	20 00
Andrew H. Prouty, services at Quincy bridge . .	20 32
Tower Bros. & Co., town pound	90
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber sundry places . . .	11 72
Tower Bros. & Co., settees for Common . . .	18 20
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber etc. at Guild Hall . .	23 89
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber for bridges and fences .	46 79
Sidney L. Beal, court fees .	4 90

Paid M. William Silvia, court fees	$94 49
Edward E. Wentworth, court fees	27 71
William N. Marden, court fees	6 10
George A. McKay, court fees	4 20
William H. McGaw, repairing fence	14 68
Mrs. Elizabeth C. Stewart, damage to pump . .	1 50
Harry L. Willard, Jr., team for Assessors . . -	18 50
Harry L. Willard, Jr., team for Constables . . .	8 00
Harry L. Willard, Jr., team for Selectmen . . .	2 50
William Mulvey, labor at Central Cemetery . .	16 50
William Mulvey, removing seats from North school house	11 50
William O. Souther, Jr., labor on fishways . .	15 00
Charles L. Sprague, disposing of dogs . . .	3 00
Abbie H. Souther, postage stamps	4 89
George H. Walker, map .	15 00
Charles H. Hackett, posts for signs . . .	1 50
Almshouse, posts for signs .	6 00
John W. Bates, team for special officer . . .	19 00
Antoine E. Salvador, painting bridge . . .	27 00

Paid Frank J. Salvador, painting bridge	$18 00
Oliver H. Bates, stone and sand for bridge . .	10 00
Henry B. Kimball, lunch for election officers . .	16 50
Milton H. Reamy, photographs	2 00
George F. Higgins, street signs	17 25
George Young, care of Nichol's road flood gate . .	12 00
David Stone, damage to wagon	10 00
Warren F. Snow, return of 26 deaths, 1903 . .	6 50
Warren F. Snow, return of 21 deaths, 1904 . .	7 75
Warren F. Snow, agent, expressing . . .	5 15
Samuel D. Tower, painting signs	5 50
Est. Allen C. Bates, pump at King St. . . .	21 90
Est. Allen C. Bates, base ball bases	7 50
John E. Frates, repairing masonry lock-up . .	2 40
Edward E. Wentworth, auctioneer	5 00
Nathaniel W. Treat, labor on drain, Sandy cove .	21 25
Nathaniel W. Treat, Jr., labor on drain, Sandy cove	4 00

Paid William T. Tilden, care of clock	$30 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, postage stamps	36 50	
Philander Bates, paid expressage, &c., . . .	4 09	
Newcomb B. Tower, paid for recording two deeds .	1 50	
Newcomb B. Tower, paid expressing, record books, &c., ...	5 52	
Manuel S. Enos, posting warrants	4 00	
		$1,128 45

NEW NORTH PARK.

Junction of North Main street and Jerusalem road.

Paid George Jason, team . .	$ 56 25
Cyrus W. Bates, team . .	51 25
Joseph E. Grassie, team .	36 25
John W. Bates, team . .	61 25
Thomas W. Whitcomb, team	6 25
Thomas A. Stevens, team .	32 50
Manuel S. Leonard, team .	12 24
Joseph W. Whitcomb, team	42 50
George W. Mealy, team .	68 75
Mrs. Mary R. Cushing, team	80 00
Joseph Jason, team . .	22 50
William Mulvey, team .	40 00
Edgar W. Bates, 1196 loads gravel	199 33
Nathaniel R. Prouty, labor .	26 50
Daniel F. O'Brien, labor .	70 50
William St. John, labor .	72 50
George M. Ennice, labor .	70 50

Paid Thomas Reedy, labor . .	$39 00	
John H. Wilbur, labor .	67 00	
Matthew Heley, labor . .	33 00	
Daniel N. Tower, C. E., surveying	25 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, etc.	31 45	
Francis C. Welch, Esq., trustee for land . .	100 00	
William T. Tilden, labor on fence	11 00	
		$1,255 52

NEW ENGLAND TEL. & TEL. CO.

Paid Telephone service . .		$104 56

PAINTING PUBLIC BUILDINGS, ETC.

Osgood Schoolhouse, Hose 1, Hose 2, H. & L. 1, H. & L. 2

Paid Frank F. Antoine, labor .	$6 88	
Harry W. Lincoln, painting	169 76	
A. Foster Nott, painting .	66 00	
Patrick Keefe, painting .	46 75	
Edmund M. Cronican, painting	38 50	
William J. Brennock, painting	199 38	
John E. Frates, masonry .	11 86	
Geo. A. Stewart, carpentering	94 44	
Daniel P. Arnold, painting .	59 50	
Edgar J. Pratt, metal work .	16 95	
Samuel D. Tower, gilding, etc.	29 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., paints, etc.	239 53	
Herbert L. Brown, paints, etc.	27 65	
Arthur S. Bates, use of ladders, etc.	5 00	
H. L. Willard, Jr., carting ladders	1 50	
		$1,012 70

POLICE.

Paid Frank Jason, night service	$742 00	
John J. Grassie, night service	732 00	
Sidney L. Beal, night service	671 50	
Manuel P. Valine, night service	400 00	
Jos. A. Antoine, night service	368 00	
		$2,913 50

POLICE—SPECIAL.

Paid M. William Silvia, service in Beechwood . . .	$130 00	
M. William Silvia, service on dog law, etc. . . .	88 50	
John Flemming, service on bicycle law . . .	28 00	
Thomas F. Kinsley, holiday service	6 00	
Sidney Beal, Sunday service	31 50	
		$284 00

PRINTING.

Paid Bound Brook Press, circulars, &c., ...	$47 50	
Cotton & Gould, orders, receipts, &c., . . .	18 00	
Gazette Publishing Co., town reports	221 05	
Gazette Publishing Co., warrants and notices . .	19 25	
Souther Bros., . . .	20 40	
Edward E. H. Souther, notices	6 50	
Edward E. H. Souther, voting lists	33 00	
P. M. Leavitt, list of poll tax payers . . .	8 90	

Paid George W. Southworth, assessors' books . .	$4 38	
		$378 98

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Paid Treasurer of Paul Pratt Memorial Library . .	1,900 00	
Treasurer of Nantasket Library	100 00	
		$2,000 00

QUAILS.

Paid William O. Souther, Jr., appropriation . . .		$175 00

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Sundry persons as per report of Superintendent of streets		$2,030 75

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Caleb Lothrop, Treasurer of School Committee, appropriation	$13,400 00	
Caleb Lothrop, Treasurer app'n for conveying pupils	2,800 00	
Caleb Lothrop, Treasurer app'n for Kindergarten .	500 00	
Caleb Lothrop, Treasurer, dog money, 1903, etc. .	521 97	
Caleb Lothrop, Treasurer, interest of Ripley fund .	40 40	
		$17,262 37

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Cohasset Electric Co. . .		$5,660 00

STATE ROAD.

Paid Oliver H. Bates, team .	$38 25	
Harry W. Burbank, labor .	19 25	
		$57 50

STATE AID.

Paid Harriet J. Apts . . .	$48 00	
Martha Barnes . . .	48 00	
Clarinda R. Bennett . .	48 00	
Joseph E. Butman . .	60 00	
Frederick N. Curtis . .	60 00	
Susan Curtis . . .	48 00	
Alfred Haskell . . .	72 00	
Mary Murphy . . .	48 00	
Ellen M. Newcomb . .	40 00	
Manuel Prada . . .	40 50	
Emma Powers . . .	8 00	
Frederick A. Pratt . .	60 00	
Rosa A. DeSantos . .	48 00	
William F. Thayer . .	72 00	
		$700 50

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS RELIEF.

Paid Emily N. Phinney . .		$72 00	
Margaret Nott . . .		48 00	
Leander W. Groce . .		96 00	
Mrs. Oliver D. Morey . .		223 50	
Warren and Ellen M. Newcomb.			
Dr. H. E. Fernald, attendance . .	$26 00		
Robert L. Curtis, watching . .	50 00		
George F. Sargent	8 00		
E. W. & C. E. Sparrell, undertakers	55 00		
Tower Bros. & Co., wood and coal .	9 50		

Paid Lincoln Bros., wood and coal . .	$5 50		
Charles H. Hackett, wood . . .	15 50		
Wallace Hackett, wood . . .	16 50		
Orders on Town Treasurer . .	80 00		
		$266 00	
John C. Orcutt .		60 00	
Ida E. Minot .		36 00	
			$801 50

STREET SPRINKLING.

Paid Franklin Beal, District 1 .	$450 00	
Harry F. Tilden, District 2 .	375 00	
William Mulvey, District 3 .	360 00	
Harry F. Tilden, District 4 .	350 00	
Oliver H. Bates, District 5 .	445 00	
Hingham Water Co., standpipes and water . .	148 00	
Cohasset Water Co., repairs on standpipe . . .	3 50	
Tower Bros. & Co., gasolene, etc.	97 73	
Gould Manufacturing Co., leather washers . .	1 50	
George F. Hayden, repairing wagons	12 25	
Cornelius Callahan, Co. hose	8 00	
John H. O'Niel, repairs on wagon	3 00	
Joseph Jason, storing wagon	6 00	
Lot W. Bates, rent for tank location	15 00	

Paid Joseph E. Grassie, rent for tank location . .	$15 00	
Elmer E. Bates, labor on pump	14 00	
Joseph A. Valine, care of pump	5 00	
Henry E. Brennock, care and labor on pump . .	43 00	
Oliver H. Bates, gravel at pump station . .	5 00	
Est. Allen C. Bates, sundries	10 80	
Harry F. Tilden, use of wagon	40 00	
		$2,407 78

STRAITS POND.

Paid Alfred Beal, care of gate .		$80 00

STATE TAXES

Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State tax . .	$5,200 00	
Metropolitan Park Tax .	96 43	
Interest on Park . .	219 11	
Nantasket Park . .	162 00	
Repairing State Road .	40 82	
Expenses on pauper returns . . .	3 00	
One-quarter of license fee	25	
		$5,721 61

TREE WARDEN.

Paid Henry L. McMahon, Tree Warden		$386 90

TOWN HALL

Paid Walker & Pratt Manufacturing Co., heater . .	$462 00	

Paid Paine Furniture Co., stage curtain	$175 00	
William T. Tilden, Janitor .	300 00	
Cohasset Electric Co., lights	214 56	
Cohasset Mutual Fire Ins. Co., premiums . . .	20 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., fuel &c.,	134 81	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	89 16	
Caleb Lothrop, agent, insurance	34 00	
Robert F. Leighton, electrical work and fixings . .	241 51	
John W. Frates, labor on safe, 1898 . . .	25 77	
John E. Frates, mason work	7 00	
Joseph St. John, sundries .	96	
Charles V. Barnes, carpentering	2 75	
Harry W. Lincoln, setting glass, &c., . . .	6 13	
William H. Fowler, upholstering chairs, &c., . .	18 00	
Edgar J. Pratt, metal work	4 90	
Samuel D. Tower, lettering	2 00	
Estate Allen C. Bates, fire extinguishers . . .	30 00	
Est. Allen C. Bates, sundries	3 62	
William T. Tilden, carpentering	10 01	
		$1,782 18

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Philander Bates, services and expenses as Selectman .	$209 50	
Philander Bates, services and expenses as Assessor .	230 75	

Paid Philander Bates, services and expenses on corporation taxes	$10 00
Philander Bates, services in copying town's valuation for State	30 00
Joseph S. Bigelow, services as Selectman . . .	125 00
Joseph S. Bigelow, services as Assessor . . .	150 00
Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses as Selectman	175 86
Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses as Assessor .	226 00
Newcomb B. Tower, services and expenses on corporation taxes . . .	23 00
Newcomb B. Tower, services in copying town's valuation book for State . .	30 00
Estate Abraham H. Tower, for two months' service, Treasurer and Collector .	100 00
Newcomb B. Tower, ten months services as Treasurer and Collector, including amount paid for bond and expenses . . .	536 76
Philander Bates, balance due as superintendent of streets, to Jan. 1, 1904. . .	166 67
Salary, expenses included, as Superintendent of Streets, one year to Jan. 1, 1905 .	1,000 00
A. Bradford Litchfield, constable in 1903 . . .	$47 00

Paid Edward E. Wentworth, constable in 1903 . . .	$66 35	
John Roche, constable . .	109 00	
Election officer . . .	3 50	
Joseph A. Antoine, constable	30 00	
John Flemming, constable .	38 00	
Harry F. Tilden, Town Clerk	75 00	
Registrar of Voters . .	20 00	
Caleb F. Nichols, Registrar of Voters . . .	20 00	
John L. Pratt, Registrar of Voters	20 00	
Cornelius Keefe, Registrar of Voters	8 00	
George O. Higgins, Registrar of Voters . . .	12 00	
Edward E. Wentworth, constable, 1904 . . .	55 60	
Manuel S. Enos, constable .	38 00	
George Jason, election officer	3 50	
John M. Damon, election officer	3 50	
George P. Neagle, election officer	3 50	
Wentworth J. Earl, auditor .	25 00	
Paul J. Bates, Sealer of Weights and measures .	50 00	
		$3,641 51

WATER FOR HYDRANTS.

Paid Cohasset Water Co., . .	$3,075 00	
Hingham Water Co., . .	175 00	
		$3,250 00

WOODSIDE CEMETERY.

Paid Henry M. Whitney, land .	$2,480 20	

Paid George L. Davenport, C. E., surveying and plan . .	$133 60	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber &c	4 49	
John T. Barnes, labor and team	19 55	
Thomas W. Whitcomb, labor and team	70 00	
Benjamin F. Morse, labor and team . . .	50 75	
Patrick Keefe, labor . .	20 00	
John W. Bates, labor . .	5 33	
Thomas A. Tower, labor .	6 00	
Charles E. Tyrer, labor .	11 00	
Harry H. White, labor .	78 00	
Clarence E. Wilbur, labor .	30 00	
Warren P. Snow, contract for transferring bodies, monuments, &c. from Pond street Cemetery . .	796 00	
Joseph St. John, for Pond street cemetery lot . .	40 00	
George D. Higgins, for Pond street cemetery lot . .	40 00	
Joseph Caton, for Pond street cemetery lot . . .	15 00	
		$3,699 12

ESTIMATES.

Amounts as estimated by the Selectmen required for the current expenses of the town for the year 1905.

For payment of debt	$1,375 00
payment of interest	3,000 00
support of schools	13,400 00
transportation of scholars . . .	2,800 00

For support and relief of poor	$6,500 00
highways and sidewalks	9,000 00
electric lights	5,520 00
water for hydrants, etc.	3,450 00
watering streets	2,500 00
soldiers' and sailors' relief	700 00
town officers	3,500 00
night police	3,000 00
special police	250 00
fire department	1,000 00
removing snow	1,500 00
public libraries	2,000 00
Memorial day	100 00
printing	300 00
military aid	200 00
inspection of cattle	100 00
town hall	1,200 00
Board of Health	200 00
Tree Warden	500 00
incidentals	1,200 00
town common	300 00
Straits pond	150 00
	$63,745 00

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN.

During the year 1904.

March 21, Frank F. Martin, Jr., Grand Juror.
April 16, Lewellan A. Litchfield, Superior Court.
August 29, Henry B. Kimball, Superior Court.
Sept. 17, James J. McElroy, Superior Court.
Nov. 2, Charles J. Enos, Superior Court.
Dec. 2, Charles T. Bourne, Superior Court.

LIST OF JURORS.

Submitted by the Selectmen to the town for revision and acceptance at the annua Town Meeting in March, 1905.

William C. Appleton,
George E. Antoine,
Walter D. Brooks,
Edgar W. Bates,
Franklin Beal,
Joseph S. Bigelow, Jr.,
William DeFord Bigelow,
Fred. C. Blossom,
James E. Brennock,
Cyrus H. Bates,
Augustus S. Burgess,
Willard J. Coombs,
B. Preston Clark,
William E. Crocker,
John E. Frates,
Joseph E. Grassie,
Herbert R. Gott,
Charles H. Hackett,
Joshua F. Higgins,
John W. Hunt,
George Jason,
Joseph St. John,
John T. Keating,
Charles H. Kilburn,
Fred. G. James,
Thomas F. Kinsley,
Charles C. Lincoln,
Mathew Luce,
Levi T. Lincoln,
Henry L. McMahon,
Albert J. Morris,
Henry R. Nickerson,
George P. Neagle,
Edward Nichols,
Joseph W. Osborne,
John J. A. Pratt,
Andrew H. Prouty,
Abraham J. Antoine,
Ezekiel L. James
Frank W. Wheelwright,
Cyrus W. Wood,

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Due from Commonwealth for State and Military Aid	$784 50
City of Boston assistance rendered poor	198 49
City of Cambridge assistance rendered poor	79 13
City of Brockton assistance rendered poor	136 10
Town of Scituate assistance rendered poor	96 00
Town of Deerfield, assistance rendered poor	112 86
Town of Hingham assistance rendered poor	35 00
Charles H. Willard, assistance rendered son	1,081 75
Julia A. Glynn, assistance rendered	341 66
Frank E. Salvedor	40 00
Delia L. Cook	13 00
Leslie L. Cushing	14 00
Sundry amounts due on almshouse account	48 50
Pumping plant, Border street	800 00
Pumping plant, Beechwood street	500 00
Four sprinkling wagons	900 00
Odorless excavator	350 00
Steam roller and building	2,000 00
Two water tanks, North Main street	150 00
Balance in treasury	19,867 60
	$27,548 59
Total debt of town	$72,929 84
Deduct assets	27,548 59
Net debt	$15,381 25

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

December 31, 1904.

OSGOOD SCHOOL HOUSE DEBT ISSUED JAN. 1, 1901.

Note to Cohasset Savings Bank, due 1905 .	$1,375 00
" " " " " " 1906 .	1,375 00
" " " " " " 1907 .	1,375 00
" " " " " " 1908 .	1,375 00
" " " " " " 1909 .	1,375 00
" " " " " " 1910 .	1,375 00
	$8,250 00

DEMAND LOAN.

Cohasset Savings Bank, 3 Notes, 1896 .	$12,000 00
" " " 2 " 1897 .	10,000 00
" " " 3 " 1898 .	10,000 00
" " " 2 " 1902 .	10,000 00
" " " 1 " 1903 .	5,000 00
	$47,000 00

HINGHAM INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS.

Demand Note, March 5, 1903, at 4½ per cent.	$10,000 00

COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DEMAND LOAN.

Note, March 10, 1904	$3,068 43
" December 31, 1904	4,611 41
	$7,679 84
Total Interest Bearing Debt	$72,929 84

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Valuation of real estate May 1st 1903 . .	$3,442,597 00
Valuation of personal estate May 1st, 1903	3,064,947 00
Total valuation May 1st, 1903 .	$6,507,544 00
Valuation of real estate May 1st, 1904 .	$3,455,232 00
Valuation of personal estate May 1st, 1904.	2,951,997 00
Total valuation May 1st 1904	$6,407,229 00
Increase in real valuation . .	$12,635 00
Decrease in personal valuation . . .	112,950 00
Number of polls May 1, 1904 . . .	690
State tax, 1904	5,200 00
Metropolitan Park tax, 1904 . . .	96 43
Int. Metropolitan Park tax, 1904 . .	219 11
Nantasket Park tax, 1904 . . .	162 00
Repairs State Road, 1904 . . .	40 82
County tax, 1904	4,714 09
Town grant, 1904	55,775 00
Overlaying	244 84
Total tax assessed 1904 . . .	$66,452 29
Total rate per $1,000, 1904 . . .	$10 00
Number of persons assessed . . .	1210
Number of persons assessed on property May 1st, 1904	867
Number of persons assessed poll tax only .	343
Population June 1st, 1900, U. S. census .	2759
Number of dwellings assessed 1904 . .	686
Number of horses assessed 1904 . .	414
Number of cows assessed 1904 . . .	258
Number of neat cattle assessed 1904 . .	31
Number of swine assessed 1904 . .	59
Number of fowl assessed 1904 . . .	1515

REPORT OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1904.

In our last annual report attention was called to the need of a better water supply or the almshouse, suggesting driven wells for the purpose. We had a man who does such work look at the place and arranged with him to drive some wells in front of the almshouse as an experiment, but he failed to put in an appearance at the appointed time. The first of July a communication was received from the State Board of Charity as follows:

OVERSEERS OF POOR, COHASSET.

DEAR SIRS: I am instructed to call your urgent attention once more to the need of repairs at the Cohasset almshouse, and also to the bad condition of the well water after heavy rains. In the judgment of the Board the almshouse is really unfit for use.

Truly yours,
JOHN D. WELLS,
Clerk of the Board.

Some years ago the town voted that the Overseers might sell the town farm and buildings if an opportunity offered, and then build a new almshouse on the land owned by the town on Pond street. As the Pond street cemetery has been abandoned, it leaves a farm of forty-five acres upon which a new almshouse and barn could be built of suitable dimensions, properly arranged to comply with the requirements of the State Board of Charity in a location where water and lights could be obtained and improved heating

facilities put in so there would be less danger from fire than at present, where stoves are used for heating purposes.

Your overseers will ask the town at the annual meeting when an estimate of the expense will be given to authorize them to build a new almshouse and barn on the location indicated, and authority to dispose of the present almshouse property whenever an opportunity offers at a price satisfactory to the overseers. With increased facilities for caring for the poor, it should decrease the amount paid for outside support.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT. DEBIT.

Paid Rufus A. Bates, mason work	$ 3 00
William Mulvey, pigs . .	14 00
Harry F. Tilden, grain .	184 20
Harry F. Tilden, team .	38 00
Arthur H. Thayer, meats .	135 69
George K. Nickerson, meats	202 63
Frank E. Winslow, meats .	170 09
George W. Tinkham, Supt., salary	650 00
Joseph St. John, groceries and grain . . .	177 11
Tower Bros. & Co., groceries, paints, etc. . . .	196 41
Cohasset Supply Co., groceries	223 13
Charles A. Gross, groceries .	39 31
Norris Bros. & Co., groceries and meats . . .	212 89
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	74 99
George F. Higgins, smithing	26 75
E. H. Vining, furnishing goods	35 85

Paid Philander Bates, boots and shoes	$29 82
Frank W. Browne, medicines	60 80
Est. Allen C. Bates, . .	60 75
Est. Frances H. Nichols, dry goods	78 43
Danforth P. Sylvester, fish, etc.	52 61
William O. Souther, ice .	20 63
Charles E. McKenzie, hor e-shoeing, etc. . . .	34 50
Samuel D. Tower, painting .	16 75
Edgar J. Pratt, stove . .	6 00
Edward E. H. Souther, Daily Globe . . .	6 00
Souther Bros., Daily Globe, 1903	6 00
Thomas W. Whitcomb, killing and dressing hogs, etc.,	13 64
Warren F. Snow, undertaker	17 00
Warren F. Snow, rubber sheeting	8 95
Mercy G. Seaverns & Co., bedding, etc., . . .	12 70
Massachusetts Ploughman .	2 00
Floretta Vining, Cohasset Sentinal, 1903-1904 . .	4 00
George G. Monteiro, cleaning clothes	1 00
Miss L. A. Smith, millinery	1 62
Joseph R. Gott, labor . .	2 00
Herbert C. Bates, labor .	8 75
Joseph F. Sylvia, cutting wood.	9 75
William Keefe, cutting wood	3 75

Paid John H. Wilbur, cutting wood	$11 25	
Cyrus W. Bates, beach right	5 00	
George W. Tinkham, sundry bills paid . . .	41 20	
F. C. Baker, clothing . .	10 00	
George W. Tinkham, cash for and to inmates . .	27 00	
George W. Tinkham, stove for tramp house . .	5 00	
Charles P. Seaverns, lamps .	3 85	
G. B. Currier, beach jacket .	2 50	
T. H. Monehan, pastry .	6 86	
Axil Nylen, labor . .	20 00	
Arthur Merritt, filing saws .	5 90	
Russell B. Murray, land dressing	16 00	
N. Y. & B. Despatch Co., expressing . . .	2 25	
Thomas Stanley, repairing chairs	2 00	
Evan P. Wentworth, dentist	2 00	
		$3,012 31

SERVICES OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR AT ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Philander Bates, Chairman .	$32 20	
Joseph S. Bigelow . .	15 00	
Newcomb B. Tower . .	27 50	
		$74 70

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT. CREDIT.

Received from Thomas Reedy, pigs	$16 00	
Joseph S. Bigelow, hauling wood	8 00	

Received from John Roche, cedar posts	$15 00	
John Roche, produce . .	35 75	
Timothy S. Gale, produce .	2 00	
Samuel N. Thayer, produce .	75	
Mrs. Flint, produce . .	2 25	
Harry White, produce . .	3 50	
Russell B. Murray, produce .	3 75	
Clarence E. Wilbur, produce	65	
Patrick Keef, produce . .	1 50	
Frederick N. Curtis, produce	1 00	
M. William Silvia, produce .	65	
Benjamin F. Morse, produce	1 50	
Edward F. Tyrer, produce .	21 30	
Mrs. William Keef, pasturage	6 00	
Edward F. Tyrer, pasturage	10 00	
Levi L. Worrick, pasturage .	15 00	
Henry B. Kimball, pasturage	6 00	
Samuel E. Pratt, pasturage .	8 00	
Arthur S. Bates, pasturage .	6 00	
Removing snow . . .	43 75	
Board of 462 tramps . .	184 60	
Philander Bates, trustee for board of John J. Lothrop .	134 26	
Louisa Burbank, wood .	36 00	
George W. Mealy, milk .	21 45	
James D. Lincoln, bull .	20 00	
Posts for signboards . .	6 00	
Joseph St. John, produce .	4 55	
N. B. Tower, pasturage .	6 00	
William Mulvey . . .	2 00	
Frank E. Winslow, pork .	30 00	
Frank W. Browne, truck collar	2 50	
Total credit . . .		$655 91

Summary Almshouse Account.

Total debit, brought forward .	$3,012 31
Total credit, brought forward .	655 91
Net debit, exclusive of Overseer's services	$2,356 40

The following persons have received their support at the almshouse during the full year, 1904:

Michael Sweeney,	John J. Lothrop, boarder,
John E. Groce,	Lillian F. Litchfield,
William C. Hayden,	Hester A. Harris, minor,
John R. Colbraith,	Edgar Harris, minor.

Southward Pratt has received support at the almshouse since July 9, 1904.

RECORD BY MONTHS OF TRAMPS LODGED AT THE ALMSHOUSE DURING 1904.

January,	92	May,	22	September,	16
February,	81	June,	5	October,	33
March,	73	July,	8	November,	32
April,	63	August,	15	December,	32
Total					462

PARTIAL SUPPORT RENDERED OUTSIDE THE ALMSHOUSE.

For the year ending December 31, 1904.

Assistance rendered sundry persons as follows:

Mrs. John J. Ainslie and daughter.

Paid Antoine J. Sylvia, agent, for house rent . . .	$96 00
Tower Bros. & Co., coal and wood	53 78

Paid Philander Bates, boots and repairing	$14 08	
		$163 86

Joseph W. Almeida wife and three children.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$63 19	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	21 37	
		$84 36

Mrs. Rose Andrews.

Paid Lincoln Bros., coal . .	$4 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	8 00	
Dr. H. E. Fernald, attendance	4 50	
		$16 50

Mrs. Ephraim Battles.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		$192 00

Oren A. Beal and son.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$255 60	
Country Store, groceries .	8 20	
Dr. Oliver H. Howe, attendance	13 50	
		$277 30

Mrs. Louisa Burbank and daughter.

Paid Lot W. Bates, house rent .	$ 48 00	
Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$108 40	
George K. Nickerson, meats	28 97	
Samuel E. Pratt, milk .	16 50	
Order on Town Treasurer .	20 00	
George F. Hayden, boots .	6 50	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	26 96	
Almshouse, wood . .	36 00	
Dr. Oliver H. Howe, attendance	21 50	
		$312 83

Manuel L. Botailyo, wife and children.

Paid order on Town Treasurer. .	$6 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	27 22	

Paid Lincoln Bros., coal . .	$7 75	
Warren F. Snow, undertaker	11 00	
		$51 97

Mrs. Bogandoff and four children.

Paid Mercy G. Seaverns & Co., groceries	$10 00	

Joseph F. Bandura, wife and five children.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$335 00	
Mass. Homœopathic Hospital, treatment of son . .	5 00	
Philander Bates, boots .	7 80	
Edgar J. Pratt, stove . .	12 00	
		$359 80

Frank Beiler.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$7 47	
Charles H. Hackett, wood .	3 50	
Aaron Pratt, wood . .	3 00	
		$13 97

Henry L. Bates and wife.

Paid Town of Whitman, assistance	$271 22	
Town of Rockland, assistance	19 75	
Philander Bates, boots .	3 85	
		$294 82

Lewis G. Bates, wife and two children.

Paid town of Rockland, assistance	$98 72	
Lot Phillips, house rent .	7 00	
		$105 72

Gertrude Carlson and daughter.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$120 00	
Mrs. Ellen H. Nichols, house rent	24 00	
Charles E. Stover, house rent	5 00	
Dr. Herbert E. Fernald, attendance	7 00	

Paid Harry F. Tilden, moving furniture	$1 50	
Dr. Oliver H. Howe, attendance	51 00	
Philander Bates, boots .	2 30	
		$210 80

Mrs. Catherine Coyne and five children.

Paid Joseph St. John, groceries	$299 47	
Order on Treasurer . .	25 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal and wood	18 30	
Mrs. Charlotte M. B. Tower, house rent . . .	72 00	
Philander Bates, boots .	30 32	
Harry F. Tilden, moving furniture	10 00	
H. M. Curtiss Coal Co., coal	18 00	
Everett Loud, groceries .	19 66	
		$492 75

George A. Damon.

Orders on Town Treasurer	$96 00	

Mrs. William Dean and four children.

Orders on Town Treasurer	$40 00	

Mrs. Mary Frates.

Paid Thomas W. Whitcomb, house rent . . .	$15 00	
Joseph E. Frates, house rent	12 00	
Lot W. Bates, house rent .	8 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., groceries	21 95	
Tower Bros. & Co., cash .	31 29	
		$88 24

Louis J. Frates and wife.

Paid S. A. R. Pratt, house rent .	$70 00	

Paid H. M. Curtiss Coal Co., coal	$13 50	
Arthur H. Pratt, officer's services	3 25	
Philander Bates, boots .	10 90	
Town of Weymouth, medical attendance furnished .	7 00	
Orders on Town Treasurer .	12 00	
		$116 65

Antoine Fereira and wife.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, clothing for two sons		$9 50

Frank E. Flint, wife and three children.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer		$35 00

Mrs. Catharine L. Ford and three children.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$127 00	
Dr. Herbert E. Fernald, attendance	4 50	
Philander Bates, boots .	4 60	
		$136 10

Thomas S. Grassie, wife and five children.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$90 00	
Philander Bates, boots .	3 00	
		$93 00

Mrs. Elizabeth Hammond.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer . . .		$150 00

Mrs. Horatio Jacobs and four children.

Paid The Country Store, groceries, etc.	$75 07	
Charles E. West, house rent	35 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., wood and coal	25 42	
O. O. Smith, boots . .	3 00	
Dr. Herbert E. Fernald, attendance	40 00	

Paid Harry F. Tilden, team .	$2 50	
Joseph St. John, bedding .	1 00	
		$181 99

Wm. H. Litchfield, wife and two children.

Paid Mrs. Emeline A. Jacobs, house rent . . .	$45 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	44 01	
Main Street Grocer, groceries	20 00	
Philander Bates, boots . .	3 35	
		$112 36

Mrs. Patrick Lyons.

Paid Lincoln Bros., coal . .	$29 15	

Southward Pratt.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$64 00	

Antoine Peter and three children.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$164 70	
Dr. Herbert E. Fernald, attendance	22 00	
E. H. Vining, boots and shoes	14 60	
Charles A. Gross, flour .	7 00	
		$208 30

Frank Reynolds.

Paid Warren F. Snow, undertaker	$35 00	

Mrs. Mary Roderick and three children.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$240 00	

Manuel A. Silvia and wife.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$79 13	

Mrs. Owen Sullivan and three children.

Paid Joseph St. John, flour .	$6 75	
Lincoln Bros., coal . .	13 97	

Paid Philander Bates, boots and shoes	$15 83	
		$36 55

Joseph F. Sylvia, Jr.

Paid Dr. Herbert E. Fernald, attendance . . .	$19 50	

Mrs. John Sylvia and Son.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$156 00	

Mrs. Julia E. Sylvia and three children.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .		$117 00

Mrs. George L. Smith.

Paid Town of Scituate balance of claim on account of sickness .		$220 00

Thomas A Tower, wife and children.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$45 00	
Dr. Herbert E. Fernald, attendance	10 00	
Mrs. Mary E. Bates, house rent	12 50	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	15 28	
Philander Bates, shoes .	3 25	
		$86 03

Charles H. Williams and four children.

Paid orders on Town Treasurer .	$35 00	
Aaron Pratt, house rent .	42 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	17 66	
		$94 66

Mrs. Joseph H. Wilson.

Paid Lot W. Bates, house rent .		$20 00

Fred A. Wheelwright.

Paid Town of Norwell, assistance rendered		$10 00

Antoine Vargus, Jr., wife and one child.

Paid order on Town Treasurer .	$5 00	
Peter Smith, house rent .	72 00	
Albert Culver Co., coal .	31 25	
George F. Hayden, boots .	4 50	
Town of Rockland, assistance rendered	6 50	
		$119 25

Delia L. Cook.

Paid City of Boston, treatment at Hospital		$13 00

Leslie E. Cushing.

Paid City of Boston, treatment at Hospital	$14 00	
Dr. Charles B. Bridgham, town physician . .	249 50	
Total, outside partial support	$5,456 79	

OUTSIDE PARTIAL SUPPORT. CREDIT.

Amount due from City of Boston	
Assistance rendered Mrs. Jacobs and children . .	$181 99
Assistance rendered Mrs. Rose Andrews . . .	16 50
Due from City of Cambridge assistance rendered to Manuel A. Sylvia and wife .	79 13
Due from City of Brockton, assistance rendered Mrs. Catharine L. Ford and children	136 10
Due from Town of Deerfield, assistance rendered Charles H. Williams and children .	94 66

Due from Town of Scituate assistance rendered George A. Damon . . .	$96 00	
Due from Town of Hingham assistance rendered Frank E. Flint and family . .	35 00	
	$639 38	
Total debit outside poor .	$5,456 79	
Total credit outside poor . .	639 38	
Net cost outside poor .		$4,817 41

Services and expenses of the Overseers of the Poor outside the Almshouse.

Paid Philander Bates, chairman .	$63 00
Joseph S. Bigelow . .	10 00
Newcomb B. Tower . .	45 00
	$118 00

Summary and Cost of Support and Assistance to the Poor.

Net cost for support at Almshouse	$2,356 40
cost for assistence rendered outside of Almshouse .	4,817 41
Overseers of the Poor, for services	192 70
Total net cost for support of and assistance to the Poor.	$7,366 51

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES,
JOSEPH L. BIGELOW,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
Overseers of the Poor.

Cohasset, December 31, 1904.

RECAPITULATION, 1904.

ITEMS.	Page.	Orders Drawn.	Credits.	Net Expenditures.	Appropriations.	With no Appropriation.	Excess of Appropriation.	Less than Appropriation.
Abatemements	39	$1,116 55		$1.116 55		$1,116 55		
Beechwood Street Widening	39	3,349 03		3,349 03	$3,500 00			$150 97
Board of Health	41	201 15		201 15	200 00		$1 15	
Billings-Pratt Park	42	339 95		339 95		339 95		
Commons	42	242 00		242 00	300 00			58 00
County Tax	43	4,714 09		4,714 09	4,714 09			
Dam at Mill Bridge	43	562 79		562 79		562 79		
Enforcement of Liquor Law	44	1,179 50	$171 25	1,008 25	1,000 00		8 25	
Fire Department	45	1,987 28		1,987 28	1,750 00		237 28	
Highways	45	9,015 00		9,015 00	9,000 00		15 00	
Hose House, North Cohasset	45	1,405 91		1,405 91	900 00		505 91	
Hired Money	45	38,239 44		38,239 44	38,239 44			
Interest	45	3,410 78	338 81	3,071 97	3,000 00		71 97	
Inspection of Cattle	46	100 00		100 00	100 00			
Improvement of Common	46	1,366 59		1,366 59		1,366 59		
Legal Counsel	46	549 53		549 53		594 53		
Memorial Day	46	100 00		100 00	100 00			
Military Aid	46	264 00	192 00	72 00	200 00			128 00
Miscellaneous	47	1,113 34		1,113 34	1,200 00			86 66
New North Park	51	1,255 52		1,255 52		1,255 52		
New England Tel. and Tel. Co.	52	104 56		104 56	100 00		4 56	
Painting Public Buildings	52	1,012 70		1,012 70	1,000 00		12 70	
Police—Night	53	2,913 50		2,913 50	2,600 00		313 50	
Police—Special	53	284 00		284 00	250 00		34 00	
Printing	53	378 98		378 98	100 00		278 98	
Public Libraries	54	2,000 00		2,000 00	2,000 00			

RECAPITULATION, 1904.—*Continued.*

ITEMS.	Page.	Orders Drawn.	Credits.	Net Expenditures.	Appropriations.	With no Appropriation.	Excess of Appropriation.	Less than Appropriation.
Quails	54	175 00		175 00	175 00			
Removing Snow	54	2,030 75		2,030 75	1,500 00		530 75	
Support of Schools	54	17,262 37		17,262 37	17,262 37			
Street Lights	54	5,660 00		5,660 00	5,400 00		260 00	
State Road	55	57 50		57 50		57 50		
State Aid	55	700 50	700 50					
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	55	801 50		801 50	550 00		251 50	
Street Sprinkling	56	2,407 78	505 50	1,902 28	2,500 00			597 72
Strait's Pond	57	80 00		80 00	150 00			70 00
State Taxes	57	5,721 61		5,721 61	5,721 61			
Support and Relief of Poor	57	8,661 80	1,295 29	7,366 51	6,000 00		1,366 51	
Tree Warden	57	386 90		386 90	300 00		86 90	
Town Hall	57	1,782 18	265 00	1,517 18	1,200 00		317 18	
Town Officers	58	3,656 62		3,656 62	3,500 00		156 62	
Water for Hydrants	60	3,250 00		3,250 00	3,200 00		50 00	
Woodside Cemetery	60	3,699 12	696 59	3,002 53		3,002 53		
Totals		$133,539 82	$4,164 94	$129,374 88	$117,712 51	$8,250 96	$4,502 76	$1,091 35

PHILANDER BATES,
JOSEPH L. BIGELOW,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

Cohasset, December 1, 1904.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:—In submitting my report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904, would say that general repairs have been made on all the roads, and extra efforts have been made to keep them free of rolling stones. Special repairs have been made on some of the roads, notably King street, Forest avenue, Hull street, Beechwood street, Border street and Ripley road.

The widening of Beechwood street ordered by the County Commissioners has been nearly completed. There are two places still unworked: one at Joy hill, west of river, north side; and opposite residence of John W. Bates, north side. These should be worked early the coming season and can be done in connection with highway repairs and expense taken from that appropriation.

The steam roller has been used to good advantage in the repairs and proved its usefulness in rolling the stone foundations. In laying up the roller for the winter I employed a man from the Buffalo Steam Roller Company to take charge of the work, Mr. Riley the engineer, assisting.

The roller was thoroughly overhauled, some pieces put in that had become worn, and when completed was pronounced good for many years. The man expressed his pleasure in finding the roller had been handled so carefully by the Engineer, especially in seeing that every part was oiled, and commended the town in providing a building to keep it in when not in use, with a pit so one can get under

the machine in making repairs. The work needed the coming season on our roads is resurfacing, especially on Atlantic avenue from Beach street to junction with Jerusalem road. I would recommend the same appropriation as last year, nine thousand dollars.

The following are the amounts paid for crushed stone, gravel, teams and labor on highway and sidewalks and amounts paid for removing snow from sidewalks and streets, the amount paid out exceeding the appropriation $530.73.

Paid Philander Bates due 1903 .	$100 00
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	172 09
Oliver H. Bates . . .	38 33
Thomas Loney . . .	99 50
Harry W. Burbank . .	63 50
Elmer E. Bates . . .	113 00
Lorenzo Beal . . .	120 62
Russell B. Murray . .	426 37
Joseph E. Grassie . .	192 50
John Kennedy . . .	92 00
Benjamin F. Morse . .	348 75
John H. Wilbur . . .	118 00
Clarence E. Wilbur . .	165 00
George L. Davenport . .	3 00
Patrick Downs . . .	17 50
Michael Haley . . .	2 00
Manuel P. Valine . .	16 42
Manuel S. Trombas . .	28 75
Joseph Breck & Sons . .	6 80
William O. Souther . .	20 00
Levi Lincoln . . .	22 50
William Mulvey . . .	57 50
William H. Reed . .	20 00
George Jason . . .	282 50
Frank W. Wheelwright .	28 00

Paid Lewis L. Wheelwright	$4	00
Lane Quarry Co.,	1,832	41
John Beal	574	92
Nathaniel R. Prouty	6	00
Andrew H. Prouty	74	00
William Lee	96	50
Charles W. Gammons, Trustee	148	96
William H. McGaw	52	74
Stephen Riley	379	50
Manuel R. Silvia	329	00
Joseph Jason	204	60
Alson S. Richardson	177	49
Joseph F. Priest	92	58
Arthur A. Davenport	376	00
Harry F. Tilden	14	25
George F. Higgins	43	43
Fred G. James	159	50
Mary R. Cushing	55	00
Manuel S. Leonard	203	46
Frank M. Nichols	10	00
Frank Beiler	8	00
Arthur Studley	3	20
Manuel L. Botailyo	9	00
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R.	6	00
James M. Dolan	7	00
George M. Ennice	62	67
C. A. Claflin & Co.	29	56
Edgar W. Bates	107	60
Levi L. Worrick	49	00
Lincoln Bros.	51	79
Ann B. Lothrop	14	50
Edmund M. Cronican		50
Waldo C. Locke	66	50
Thomas Reedy	30	00

Paid James Dalton . . .	$169 00	
Cyrus R. Keene . . .	5 00	
Turkey Meadow Farm .	39 25	
Walworth Manuf. Co. .	11 05	
Arthur S. Bates . . .	25 00	
M. William Silvia . .	12 50	
Philander Bates . . .	4 50	
Ira N. Pratt . . .	5 00	
John W. Bates . . .	12 48	
Frank Stoddard . . .	64 00	
George F. Sargent . .	45 79	
Theo. Mathias . . .	28 22	
Walter P. Bates . . .	2 00	
Herbert Sargent . . .	4 00	
Herbert L. Brown, Treasurer	25 21	
Antoine Farerar . . .	28 67	
Frank Mitchell . . .	33 06	
Cyrus W. Bates . . .	22 78	
John J. A. Pratt . .	8 00	
Thomas W. Whitcomb .	24 00	
Samuel L. Williams . .	67 00	
David W. Lewis . . .	19 00	
Charles E. Tyrer . .	189 00	
Benjamin Shaw & Co. . .	79 50	
Antoine E. Salvedor . .	73 00	
Joseph W. Whitcomb . .	20 00	
Samuel V. Hardwick . .	8 00	
Edwin W. Bates . . .	6 00	
Ira B. Pratt . . .	6 00	
Isaiah Lincoln . . .	70	
Buffalo Steam Roller Co. .	58 00	
Harry L. Willard, Jr. .	6 75	
Estate Allen C. Bates . .	69 47	
Charles E. McKensie . .	8 20	
		$9,015 00

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Edmund M. Cronican . .	$9 00
Harry Donovan . . .	6 88
Joseph J. Grassie . .	15 00
Albert E. Grassie . .	13 25
Albert W. Morris . .	6 75
Louis J. Morris . . .	8 00
Albert J. Morris . .	8 00
George Morris . . .	6 75
Willard J. Coombs . .	4 50
John M. Pearson . .	7 25
Arthur A. Thing . . .	4 00
Fred C. Blossom . . .	5 50
Oscar Johnson . . .	3 25
Charles Anderson . .	2 12
Charles F. Silva . . .	4 50
Joseph Mannix . . .	2 50
Foster Cadose . . .	4 50
Antoine Silva . . .	7 50
John Silva	4 50
Manuel Silva . . .	4 50
Thomas E. McKensie . .	10 75
William Lee . . .	13 25
Michael Haley . . .	8 88
Royal A. Bates . . .	5 01
William Powers . . .	14 62
Frank F. Antoine . .	11 38
Thomas Loney . . .	1 00
Arnie Peterson . . .	5 00
Antoine Grassie . . .	7 00
George Loverin . . .	1 00
Joseph A. Antoine . .	7 00
Manuel Oliver . . .	4 25
John J. Oliver . . .	6 88
Frank Oliver . . .	7 63

Paid	Frank J. Salvedor . .	$9 38
	Walter E. McGrath . .	9 38
	Timothy Donovan . .	3 38
	Frank J. Sidney . . .	4 63
	Benjamin F. Morse . .	26 50
	Frank E. Flint . . .	6 50
	Charles E. Tyrer . .	14 75
	Newton Burbank . .	10 00
	George Morse . . .	4 65
	Willie Barnes . . .	3 45
	Harry White . . .	3 25
	Peter A. D. Peterson . .	4 50
	Antoine Figuredo . .	3 25
	John Flemming . . .	4 50
	Dennis Golden . . .	2 75
	Joseph F. Bandura . .	2 63
	Oscar Bandura . . .	2 37
	Toney Rose Anderson . .	2 10
	John Thompson . . .	1 83
	Edward Thompson . .	98
	Andrew Bandura . . .	1 43
	Sundry persons . . .	16 00
	Manuel P. Valine . .	15 75
	Abraham A. Valine . .	10 75
	Fred P. Valine . . .	10 75
	Joseph F. Silva . . .	7 75
	Clarence Silva . . .	5 75
	William Mansfield . .	12 75
	John Gillis . . .	8 50
	James Wilson . . .	4 50
	Henry R. Nickerson . .	12 50
	Frank Grassie . . .	5 50
	Arthur Donovan . . .	75
	John T. Keating . . .	9 62
	George F. Higgins . .	47 50

Paid John H. Wholly	$3	50
John H. Cook	32	50
Richard Manning	29	50
Harry Robinson	2	13
Cyrus W. Bates	2	50
Samuel V. Hardwick		75
Frank Stoddard	9	25
William O. Souther	76	25
Fred G. James	13	00
Harry W. Burbank	7	50
Arthur S. Bates	8	88
William H. Bates, Jr.,	10	38
Samuel G. James		63
Henry Williams	8	63
Samuel L. Williams	10	88
James O. McCormack	11	13
George Jason	19	25
William Mulvey	3	38
Herbert C. Bates	6	63
Louis Mulvey	2	25
Edward Jason		60
Henry L. Willard, Jr.	127	80
Henry Brundren	5	75
Daniel F. O'Brien	13	74
Charles Rogers	8	37
Arthur Flint	3	50
George A. Henry	12	13
Lewis Kilburn	5	75
Andrew H. Prouty	8	50
James Mulcahy	3	62
Charles Frates	1	00
Willie Grassie		60
Eddie Fleming		60
Lawrence Peterson		60
John H. Wilbur	3	25

Paid Clarence Silva . . .	$1	00
Manuel L. Silva . . .	1	00
Louis J. Bates . . .	4	75
Frank A. Pearson . .	1	50
Frank F. Martin, Jr. . .	1	50
Frank W. Wheelwright .	4	50
J. Sturgeon . . .		75
George A. Silva . . .		75
William D. Litchfield . .	1	50
Harry Reed . . .	5	25
Ernest Cole . . .		75
William T. Litchfield . .		50
David Stoddard . . .		75
Waldo C. Locke . . .		93
William H. Reed . .	12	13
Lewellan A. Litchfield .	1	25
George M. Ainslaie . .	4	13
H. L. Brown . . .	1	35
Aaron Pratt . . .	1	40
Harry R. Pratt . . .	3	75
Roscoe Pratt . . .		75
Joseph Jason, Jr. . .	2	25
Henry E. Brennock . .	2	25
Charles L. Sprague . .	2	25
Ventura Jacint . . .	2	00
George E. Antoine . .	1	25
Manuel S. Trombas . .		75
George Mulhern . . .		75
Joseph M. Silva . . .	8	75
John Hughes . . .	1	75
Joseph A. Silva . . .	9	00
Charles E. Stover . .	8	50
Thomas L. Grassie . .	2	25
Russell B. Murray . .	45	50
Abraham J. Antoine . .	1	00

Paid	Alfred Antoine	$2 00
	Joseph S. Enos	4 00
	Walter Enos	2 75
	John Silva	1 75
	Thomas Curtis	7 50
	John Barnes	3 50
	Charles V. Barnes	4 25
	William Keefe	2 25
	Patrick Donahue	8 00
	Thomas Reedy	5 75
	Clarence E. Wilbur	9 25
	William Dolan	1 25
	Joseph R. Gott	6 25
	Edward Reilləy	7 62
	Thomas Keating	4 50
	James M. Keating	4 50
	William St. John	10 00
	Stephen Reilley	2 50
	Joseph Jason	92 75
	Charles E. Jason	28 25
	John L. Jason	30 00
	William Rooney	16 25
	Ray M. Souther	1 00
	Elmer E. Bates	23 88
	Chesbrook Stoughton	3 38
	Gustavus Pratt	3 63
	Fred Fuller	14 01
	Walter P. Bates	6 63
	John Vinal	3 50
	Herbert Apts	1 95
	Antoine Gonsalves	2 33
	George O'Dell	4 00
	Joseph W. Almeida	1 38
	Gustavus Bennett	3 13
	Thomas A. Stevens	27 38

Paid Thomas F. Kinsley	$5	88
Rufus A. Bates	1	50
Harry Wood	6	00
Daniel De Mello	2	38
L. Lincoln Wheelwright	1	75
Oliver H. Bates	20	13
Ellery C. Bates	2	63
Antoine Francis	3	00
Caleb Lincoln	2	00
Joseph Caton	4	50
John Pratt	1	63
Charles Pratt	2	75
George Mitchell	1	35
Ira Bates	4	88
William W. Bates	1	75
Edwin W. Bates	2	13
John W. Bates	3	38
S. Chester Pratt	9	00
Samuel E. Pratt	38	25
Charles Bennett	4	50
A. Foster Nott	3	88
Estate Alden Beal	45	00
Arthur Studley	11	75
G. Phinney	11	75
Timothy S. Gale	2	00
F. Penfold	3	00
A. Anderson	2	50
Franklin Beal	5	25
C. Snowden	5	25
M. Neil	1	75
Harry F. Tilden	175	50
Frederic Maitland		75
Charles Gale	1	00
William H. Pratt	1	00
George F. Sargent	1	62

Paid Charles Bennett . . .	$1 50	
Thomas W. Whitcomb .	1 50	
Edward Morse . . .	9 12	
Lorenzo Beal . . .	3 81	
Charles Snell . . .	4 19	
Paul O. Wade . . .	3 62	
William Murphy . . .	2 37	
Patrick Bergan . . .	3 94	
Charles Hunter . . .	4 25	
John Bates	75	
Harry C. Bates . . .	3 50	
Joseph Ruso . . .	88	
James Lean . . .	2 88	
Alson S. Richardson . .	18 38	
Frank Tirrell . . .	4 50	
Charles E. McKensie . .	24 00	
Almshouse	43 75	
L. Lincoln Worrick . .	17 50	
Patrick Keef . . .	10 75	
William White . . .	7 75	
Charles Worrick . . .	2 70	
		$2,030 75

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES, *Supt.*

REPORT OF

THE TOWN TREASURER,

TOGETHER WITH

The Reports of the Librarian and Treasurer of the Public Library, Tree Warden and Board of Engineers.

Dr. 1904. TOWN OF COHASSET, in Account

The account of the former Treasurer covering from January 1 to April 25, 1904, is included herewith,

To paid Selectmen's orders, as follows:

Hingham Institution for Savings, demand note dated March 5, 1903	$10,000 00
Treasurer of School Committee, school appropriation	13,400 00
Treasurer of School Committee, dog money for 1903	395 86
Treasurer of School Committee, income of Ripley fund	40 40
Treasurer of School Committee, appropriation for kindergarten	500 00
Treasurer of School Committee, appropriation for conveyance	2,800 00
Treasurer of School Committee, on account Guild hall alterations	126 11
Tower Bros. & Co., on account Guild hall alterations	23 89
Francis C. Welch, trustee, for land taken at junction of North Main street and Jerusalem road	100 00
Henry M. Whitney, for land for Woodside cemetery	2,480 20
Commonwealth, State tax	5,200 00
Commonwealth, Nantasket park tax	162 00
Commonwealth, Metropolitan park loan sinking fund	96 43
Commonwealth, interest on parks	219 11
Commonwealth, for repairs on State highways	40 82
Commonwealth, ¼th of sixth class license	25
Cohasset Savings Bank, note due in 1904	1,375 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, 1904 loans, in full	17,000 00
Webster and Atlas National Bank, 1904 loans, in full with interest	10,000 00
Treasurer of Norfolk County, county tax	4,714 09
Orders for State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief and Town Aid, Interest, and for all purposes not mentioned above	64,865 66
	$133,539 82
Balance in Treasury (cash and unpaid taxes) to new account	19,867 60
Cohasset, January 1905.	$153,407 42

with Newcomb B. Tower, Treasurer.		1904. Cr.
By balance in Treasury from 1903 account		$20,894 74
Supplementary assessments, 1903		808 00
Corporation tax for 1903, additional		1,767 41
National Bank tax for 1903, additional		257 30
City of Boston, 1903 account		28 59
City of Brockton, 1903 account		170 00
City of Cambridge, 1903 account		78 42
Town of Scituate, 1903 account		96 00
Thomas W. Whitcomb, slaughter licenses 1903 and 1904		2 00
Pool table and bowling licenses		14 00
Pedlers' licenses		30 00
Aaron Pratt, auctioneer's license		2 00
Frank W. Browne, 6th class liquor license		1 00
East Norfolk District Court, fines, fees, etc.		171 25
Elliot Stoddard, use of town tools and battery		10 00
Michael J. O'Hearn, use of steam roller		15 00
Treasurer of Norfolk County, dog money, 1903		395 86
Treasurer of Norfolk County, dog money, 1904		470 13
William T. Tilden, income of Town hall		265 00
Edward E. Wentworth, sale of North schoolhouse		135 00
Russell B. Murray, standing grass		50 00
Alfred Beal, 9 months' rent for post office		75 00
State and Military Aid for 1903		818 00
One lot sold in Woodside cemetery		45 00
Caleb Lothrop, Treasurer Pond Street cemetery, balance in full		651 59
Sundry persons, almshouse accounts, etc.		262 10
Almshouse, shovelling snow		36 25
Philander Bates, trustee, income from Lothrop fund		134 26
Philander Bates, guardian, on account, due from Julia A. Glynn		300 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, income of Ripley fund		40 40
Corporation tax, 1904		12,540 41
National Bank tax, 1904		1,885 33
Cohasset Free Public Library for demand note dated March 10, 1904, covering investment of St. Stephen's Parish money	$2,000 00	
Bequest of the late Susannah L. Stoddard	1,068 43	
		$ 3,068 43

Est. of Susannah L. Stoddard balance of bequest for Cohasset Free Public Library . . .	4,611 41
Interest on delinquent taxes and bank deposits .	338 81
Contributions for street sprinkling . . .	505 50
Hingham Institution for savings for demand note dated March 10, 1904.	10,000 00
Cohasset Saving bank, in temporary loans .	17,000 00
Webster and Atlas National Bank, proceeds note, discounted	9,864 44
Assessors' tax list, committed July 21, 1904 .	65,450 29
Assessors' supplementary tax list . . .	118 50
	$153,407 42

NEWCOMB B. TOWER,

Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the School Committee, Board of Engineers, Superintendent of Streets, and Town Treasurer, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904, which show the receipts and disbursements of $153,407.42 as per Treasurer's report, and found the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

WENTWORTH J. EARLE,

Auditor.

Cohasset, Feb. 12, 1905.

COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1904.

To the Board of Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library:

The following is a report of the work in the library for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904:

The circulation has been about the same as last year, in proportion to the length of time. In 1903, the number of books given out in nine months, including the three months at the old building, was 8,235, and this year for the whole twelve months, the number was 14,786.

The increase in registration has been 269, making the whole number of names signed to date 930.

Owing to the generous gifts of money from Mr. Charles A. Welch, Mrs. Edward Wheelwright and Mr. Henry A. Wheelwright a great many valuable books have been added to the library.

Gifts of books have also been received from Mrs. A. H. Tower, Miss Ella S. Bates, Miss Harriet J. Nichols, Miss M. P. Tower, Miss C. S. Tower, Miss Anna D. Tower, Prescott & Wendell Townsend, J. H. Bridge, William Hanlon, Joseph Lee, Edward Nichols, State and Government, and map of Plymouth County and Cohasset, from Daniel N. Tower.

Following is the increase of books from the end of 1903 to the end of 1904. By this I mean works, not volumes,

as a great number of the works are in several volumes. The whole number in the library will be given later.

	1903	1904
Reference and General Works	130	143
Philosophy and Religion	152	226
Biography	429	505
History	286	413
Description and Travels	316	372
Social Science	110	143
Sciences	270	353
Arts, Useful and Recreative	156	210
Arts, Fine	58	139
Language and Literature	403	505
Bound Periodicals	1280	40
Fiction	1897	2222

The Library now contains 8,334 volumes. 6 periodicals have been added to the reading room, viz.: Collier's Weekly, Country Life, Harper's Bazar, Forest and Stream, Masters in Music and Technical World.

The classification by subjects during the year is as follows:

History and Biography	965
Description and Travel	453
Literature and Poetry	444
Sciences and Arts	940
Philosophy and Religion	95
Magazines	1127
Fiction	10,762
	14,786

There has been a thorough examination of the shelves and in comparing with the shelf list, find only four books missing; 3 in the juvenile department and 1 in the adult fiction. The open shelf system has been given a trial of a year and a half, and I think has given general satisfaction. I think no books have been stolen and comparatively very little disorder in the stacks.

A record has been kept of the number of persons in the reading room at 8.30 p. m. and the average attendance has been 3; the delivery of books is usually over at that hour also, which shows it seems to me that the library could close just as well at that hour as at 9.

Respectfully submitted,
SARAH B. COLLIER, *Librarian.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The undersigned Treasurer holds subject to the orders of the Trustees of the Cohasset Free Public Library, cash and securities as follows:—

1 Town of Cohasset note, dated March 10, 1904, covering St. Stephen's Church site money,	$2,000 00	
and a portion of the bequest of the late Susannah L. Stoddard	1,068 43	
		$3,068 43
1 Town of Cohasset note, dated December 31, 1904, covering the balance of the bequest of the late Susannah L. Stoddard . .		4,611 41
Balance of the Marion Cheever legacy, with interest, on deposit		176 12
The Alexander Williams bequest, with interest, on deposit . .		527 00
The Ladies' Improvement Fund, with interest, on deposit . .		1,040 40
Cash (interest on the first above named note to Jan. 1) . .		109 10
Total		$9,532 46

No payments have been made by the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
Treasurer since May 1, 1904.

Cohasset, January, 1905.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

The Board of Trustees of the Cohasset Free Public Library submit the following report:

Our duties as Trustees of the Free Public Library are not what they were in the past, nevertheless we are required by the revised laws of 1902 to make an annual report to the town of the board's receipts and expenditures, and of the property in our custody.

The annual appropriation of the town ($1,900) was paid by us to the treasurer of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, together with a part of the accumulation of interest from the various legacies and funds in our hands.

We now hold in behalf of the town, the following amounts, viz.:

Legacy in full from Estate of Susannah L. Stoddard . .	$5,679 84	
Alexander Williams' Legacy .	500 00	
Ladies' Improvement Fund . .	1,000 00	
Amount received from St. Stephens' Parish, for church building site	2,000 00	
Balance Marion Cheever Fund .	169 30	
		$9,349 14
Accrued interest on above .		183 32
Total		$9,532 46

Our duty as Trustees is also to act with the Directors of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library in selecting and purchasing books; and Dr. Oliver H. Howe of our board, as chairman of the book committee, has given much time and thought to the appointment of the sub committee, and in suggestions and general oversight of the various departments.

We record with deep regret the loss from our board by death, the past year, of Mr. Abraham H. Tower and Mr.

Louis T. Cushing; and by resignation, of Mr. Edward F. Ripley.

We have chosen to fill the unexpired term of each, subject to the vote of the town at the annual meeting in March, Mr. Edward Nichols, Mr. George W. Collier, and Mr. Oliver H. Howe.

Two years have elapsed since the consolidation of our interests with those of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, and we report with pleasure our satisfaction with this arrangement, which, by vote of the town, was for a term of three years.

Respectfully submitted,

TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

By Edward F. Ripley,
President.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, 1904.

To the Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN :—The Board of Engineers appointed by you for the year ending April 30th, 1905, met at the house of Hose Co. No. 1, at 8 o'clock on the evening of May 2d, 1904, and organized with the following choice of officers:

Chief, Harry E. Mapes; Assistant Chief, Henry E. Brennock; Clerk, Thos. A. Rich; District Chief, George Jason; District Chief, Elmer E. Bates; District Chief, James S. Beal.

On July 15th, 1904, Mr. Thomas A. Rich resigned as Clerk of the Board and Mr. Elmer E. Bates was chosen to fill the balance of the term.

The department has been increased during the past year by the organization of Hose Co. No. 3, consisting of twelve men, and the new wagon has been placed in the building provided for that purpose at North Cohasset, which provides that section with an up-to-date piece of apparatus and the necessary force to operate it.

The Department now consists of sixty-six men, and comprises two hose wagons, one hose reel, two ladder trucks and one hand engine, all in good, serviceable condition and ready for immediate use.

For the maintenance and operation of the Department for the ensuing year we respectfully recommend and ask that the sum of twelve hundred dollars, ($1,200.00) be raised

and appropriated by the town at its annual meeting in March next.

H. E. MAPES,
H. E. BRENNOCK,
GEORGE JASON,
E. E. BATES,
JAMES S. BEAL.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Hose No. 1.

E. E. Bates, 1½ cords mixed wood	$12 00	
C. Callahan Co., repairs and supplies	9 54	
Cohasset L. & S. Stable, horses to fires and carting . . .	46 50	
Estate of A. C. Bates, supplies .	4 76	
D. P. Sylvester, supplies . .	10 05	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal, wood and supplies	40 31	
George F. Higgins, repairs .	1 20	
A. J. Morris, steward's salary 1yr.	40 00	
Ray M. Souther, clerk, services of Co.	10 00	
N. B. Tower, Tax Collector, 13 poll taxes	26 00	
		$200 36

Ladder No. 1.

Jos. E. Grassie, stewards salary 1 yr.	25 00	
H. F. Tilden, horses to fires and carting	25 00	
J. Jason, horses to fires and carting	5 00	
M. J. Sullivan, supplies . .	16 11	
Tower Bros. & Co., wood and supplies	8 02	

D. H. Wood, sawing letters for sign	$1 20	
J. A. Valine, clerk, services of Co.	5 00	
N. B. Tower, collector, 12 poll taxes	24 00	
		$109 33

Hose No. 2.

Geo. W. Souther, clerk, steward's salary, 1 yr.	$30 00	
H. F. Tilden, horses to fires and carting	25 00	
Estate of A. C. Bates, supplies .	43 22	
Lincoln Bros. Lmtd., coal and wood	25 52	
W. J. Brennock, glass and setting	1 50	
Geo. F. Higgins, repairs . .	7 50	
B. O. Pratt, clerk, services of Co.	15 00	
N. B. Tower, collector, 7 poll taxes	14 00	
		$161 74

Ladder No. 2.

E. E. Bates, wood and lumber .	$16 63	
J. J. A. Pratt, repairs to building	12 00	
M. J. Sullivan, supplies . .	8 50	
Frank Sargent, glass and labor .	6 57	
C. Callahan Co., 1 forty-five foot extension ladder . . .	90 00	
Est. of A. C. Bates, supplies .	5 12	
H. L. Brown, supplies . .	18 96	
Tower Bros. & Co., supplies .	2 83	
F. W. Brown, chemicals . .	1 70	
S. E. Pratt, horses to fires . .	15 00	
Litchfield Express, express on package	75	

N. B. Tower, collector, 16 poll taxes	32 00	
		$210 06

HOSE NO. 3.

Geo. W. Groce, storage & cleaning reel	$28 75	
Est. of A. C. Bates, Supplies .	16 86	
M. J. Sullivan, Supplies . .	15 79	
McCarthy & Sill, Table & chairs .	14 00	
H. F. Tilden, Storage of wagon .	7 00	
H. F. Tilden, Horses . .	5 00	
D. H. Wood, Mch. labor and stock	3 78	
Daly & Womzer, 1 doz. keys .	2 65	
C. Callahan Co., 12 badges .	9 00	
C. Callahan Co., Supplies . .	59 50	
W. Brennock, Labor on signs .	5 25	
J. H. O'Neil, Repairing and labor on stove	11 27	
E. E. Bates, Hard wood . .	4 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., Coal . .	7 75	
Alfred Beal, Supplies . .	1 80	
W. B. Butchers, Supplies . .	75	
The Country Store, Supplies .	2 91	
N. B. Tower, Collector, 12 Poll taxes	24 00	
		$220 06

ENGINEERS.

H. F. Tilden, Wagon to fires, &c.	$12 00	
Cohasset L. & S. Stable, wagon to fires, etc., ...	23 00	
A. H. Tower, Collector, 6 poll taxes	12 00	
		$47 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

H. E. Mapes, Chief, Telephone and general expense . .	$20 50	
Cohasset L. & S. Stable, Carting hose and material . . .	7 25	
F. W. Browne, Acid soda and chemical supplies . . .	18 90	
C. Callahan Co., Balance on hose	30 00	
C. Callahan Co., Battery charges	9 60	
W. J. Morris, Expense at M. S. F. Ass'n	5 00	
A. J. Antoine, Expense at M. S. F. Ass'n	5 60	
R. M. Souther, Expense at M. S. F. Ass'n	3 60	
W. J. Brennock, Expense at M. S. F. Ass'n	3 60	
H. E. Brennock, expense at M. S. F. Ass'n	8 00	
H. F. Tilden, carriage for fire Marshall and cartage . .	5 10	
W. J. Brinnock, watching fires .	3 00	
J. P. Antoine, watching fires .	2 00	
F. A. Pearson, watching fires .	2 00	
T. A. Rich, Clerk, Postage .	1 50	
		$125 65

RECAPITULATION.

Hose 1	$200 36
Hose 2	161 74
Hose 3	220 06
Ladder 1	109 33
Ladder 2	210 06
Engineers	47 00

Miscellaneous. . . .	$125 65
Total	$1,074 20
Amount of appropriation .	$1,000 00
Amount expended . .	$1,074 20
Exceeded appropriation .	$74 20

H. E. MAPES, *Chief.*

ELMER E. BATES, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee herewith presents to the town its report for 1904, together with that of the Superintendent of Schools, to which are appended the reports of the Supervisors of Music and Drawing.

Changes in the teaching force have occurred only in grades 2 and 7, and in the department of drawing, Miss Collier of grade 2 having resigned her position at the close of the summer term, Miss Charlotte A. Tower of grade 7 was transferred to the second grade, and Miss A. Louise Barker, a graduate of Bates college, was appointed teacher of the seventh. In November Miss Barker resigned her position and substitutes were employed for the remainder of the year.

Miss Susie G. Fisher, a graduate of Gorham, Maine Normal school, was appointed to this grade during the Christmas vacation, to begin her duties January 2nd.

In place of Miss French, who resigned in June, Miss Mary L. Cook, a graduate of the Massachusetts Normal Art School, was elected Supervisor of Drawing.

An important measure adopted has been the addition in September of a ninth grade. This makes the grammar course much more complete, while it will add greatly to the efficiency of the high school through the better preparation for it now possible. Miss Louise G. Hunt, a graduate of Boston University, is employed as teacher.

Early in the year those interested in carrying on a free kindergarten in Guild Hall asked the school committee to take this under its charge as a part of the public school sys-

tem, the change to take effect in September. The use of the room in Guild Hall was to be given, as were also such furnishings for the kindergarten as it contained.

The offer was provisionally accepted, and the town was asked at the March meeting to appropriate $500 for the support of the kindergarten one year. It was found that the building was in a far from suitable condition for such use, but the Selectmen promising $150 towards putting it in a condition conforming to the requirements of the state, and those who had thus far maintained the school promising an equal sum (and more if necessary), your committee decided to have the building made ready and to open the kindergarten in September. Miss Isabel V. Bartlett, a teacher trained in kindergarten methods, was engaged and the school opened with four pupils, although the room was not entirely ready for some days. During the four months ending at Christmas the largest number of pupils enrolled has been 15 and the average membership 10.41, with an average attendance of 8.66. Every effort has been made by all interested to increase these figures, but without result.

The teacher's salary of $400, with fuel, kindergarten supplies, and janitor's salary, will more than use up the $500 voted by the town. The expense foı each one of these fifteen children will be at the rate of $40 a year,—more than double the amount for a pupil in the grades. The school must be continued till the close of this school year, but your committee does not feel justified by the results thus far, in asking for a further appropriation from the town.

The Beechwood schoolhouse has been put in excellent condition, a modern heating and ventilating system having been introduced. The lighting of the rooms of the sixth and eighth grades of the Osgood school was much improved during the summer by the addition of a large window in each.

A fine copy of Guido Reni's "Aurora" has been given to the sixth grade by Col. Thomas Lothrop Chapter, D. A. R. The high school has received from the graduating class of 1904 a bust of Lincoln; from funds raised by the class of 1902, two pictures, one of Dante and Beatrice and the other of Magdalen College, Oxford; and from the members of the business course in the present junior class, a picture of the Capitol at Washington. In the rooms of the lower six grades have been placed casts from as many groups of Della Robbia's "Singing Boys." These were purchased with the bequest of Miss Susannah L. Stoddard to the Osgood school.

A Stamp Savings Bank has been introduced into the Osgood school under the charge of a committee. The children seem interested in saving thus for better uses what might otherwise be wasted on candy and trifles.

The following is our estimate of the appropriation needed for the support of schools in 1905:

For Superintendent . . .	$750 00	
Teachers	9,425 00	
Janitors	850 00	
Fuel	1,250 00	
Repairs	1,000 00	
Books and supplies . .	900 00	
Miscellaneous . . .	325 00	
Deficit, 1904 . . .	500 00	
		$15,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH O. DAVENPORT, *Chairman*,
CHARLES W. GAMMONS, *Secretary*,
CALEB LOTHROP,
MARTHA P. HOWE,
CORNELIUS O'KEEFE,
SAMUEL STODDARD.

TOWN OF COHASSET in account with THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Debit.

Paid Nelson G. Howard, Superintendent		$740 00
Osgood School, High:		
Stanley C. Lary, Principal .	$1,475 00	
Miss Grace Gatchell, Assistant	717 50	
Miss Minnie E. Bigelow, Assistant	717 50	
Miss Nellie Brooks Hill, Assistant	655 00	
		$3,565 00
Miss Louise C. Hunt, Ninth Grade		200 00
Miss Martha P. Bates, Eighth Grade		512 50
Miss Charlotte A. Tower, Seventh Grade . .	$300 00	
Miss A. Louise Baker, Seventh Grade	144 00	
Miss Marie Jensen, Seventh Grade	16 80	
Miss Bertha M. Shepard, Seventh Grade . .	31 20	
		$492 00
Miss Annie D. Dunham, Sixth Grade	$456 00	
Miss Mary E. Nye, Sixth Grade	36 00	
		$492 00
Miss Annie A. Souther, Fifth Grade		492 00
Miss Mary E. Clapp, Fourth Grade	$369 60	

Paid Miss Vera Knowlton, Fourth Grade	$84 00	
Miss Mary E. Nye, Fourth Grade	9 60	
Miss Mary H. Alcott, Fourth Grade	28 80	
		$492 00
Miss M. Jennie Mason, Third Grade		492 00
Miss Priscilla L. Collier, Second Grade	$300 00	
Miss Charlotte A. Tower, Second Grade	192 00	
		$492 00
Miss Sarah E. Fox, First Grade		492 00
Miss Myra L. Beal, General Assistant		389 50
Beachwood School:		
Paid Miss Eva S. Bassick . .	$456 00	
Miss Ethel Studley . .	7 20	
Miss Gertrude S. Locke .	16 00	
		$479 20
SUPERVISORS OF DRAWING.		
Paid Miss Helen C. French .	$180 00	
Miss Mary L. Cook . .	120 00	
		$300 00
SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.		
Paid Miss Elizabeth C. Bates .		$300 00
		$9,190 20
JANITORS.		
Paid Lot W. Bates, Osgood School	$450 00	
Thomas W. Doyle, Osgood School	175 02	

Paid George W. Crocker, Osgood School	$174 98	
		$800 00
H. Bradford Litchfield, Beechwood School . . .		51 25
		$851 25

FUEL.

Osgood School.

Paid Tower Bros. & Co. . . .	$479 76	
Lincoln Bros.	746 16	
Elmer E. Bates	28 00	
		$1,253 92

Beechwood School.

Paid Tower Bros. & Co. . . .	$15 50	
Lincoln Bros.	133 71	
Charles H. Hackett . .	15 00	$164 21
		$1,418 13

REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES,

Osgood School.

Paid Fuller & Warren Co., materials for repairing furnaces and closets in 1903 . .	$99 31	
Edgar J. Pratt, labor and materials on furnaces and closets in 1903 . . .	143 06	
Chas. A. Gross, bill in 1903	7 79	
Cohasset Electric Co., lights	13 00	
Augustus S. Burgess, carpentering	20 95	
David Cobb & Son, scraper and paint remover . .	4 65	
Chandler & Barber . .	6 00	

Paid Robert F. Leighton, putting in electric bells . .	$29 00
Estate Frances H. Nichols, ribbons etc., 2 years .	22 35
Edward E. Babb & Co., floor brush, flag, etc. . .	49 11
Tower Bros. & Co., supplies	14 79
Wm. H. Fowler, repairing shades	6 80
Chandler Adj. Chair & Desk Works, desks, etc. . .	13 40
Hopkins & Holden, floor brushes	7 75
Handifold Toilet Paper Co.	6 00
Chas. A. Gross, kerosene etc.	2 95
W. J. Flye, work on new windows	8 25
Edward Nichols, architect .	7 50
H. E. Elms & Co., sashes .	14 00
Jos. F. Paul & Co., ash and pine finish . . .	20 00
R. A. Bates, whitening and patching	49 00
Francis M. Ripley, carpentering and stock . . .	7 50
George F. Higgins, repairing door, etc. . . .	2 00
D. H. Wood, labor of man	85
Edgar J. Pratt, repairing furnaces, etc. . . .	65 08
Estate Allen C. Bates, supplies and repairs . .	47 43
Norris Bros. & Co., supplies	5 84
Frank W. Browne, wood alcohol, formaldehyde, etc.	13 85

Paid A. T. Stearns Lumber Co., table top, etc. . . .	$9 00	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co., crayons	8 25	
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	17 77	
		$723 23
Beechwood School:		
John J. A. Pratt, carpentering and stock and putting up blackboards . .	$36 94	
John W. Bates, cleaning vaults	3 00	
Frank Sargent, labor on blackboards	3 00	
Frank Stoddard, labor, &c. on flower garden . .	3 50	
Eva S. Bassick, toweling .	1 00	
Frank Sargent, painting outside of building . .	60 85	
Tower Bros. & Co., glass .	20	
A. B. Litchfield, cleaning room, &c. . . .	15 00	
Estate Allen C. Bates, coal hod	60	
Herbert L. Brown, paint, &c.	35 00	
		$159 09
		$882 32

MISCELLANEOUS.

New York & Boston Despatch Co., expressing . .	$24 50	
Cohasset Livery and Sales Stable, teaming . .	1 90	
Chas. E. Nott, freight and carting	17 24	

Paid Hingham Journal, printing Manuals, &c. . . .	$30 00
Nelson G. Howard, telephone rental, postage, &c. . .	35 10
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephone rental, &c. . . .	31 56
Charlotte S. Tower, school census	5 00
John J. Grassie, truant officer, two years . . .	40 00
Samuel E. Pratt, truant officer, two years . . .	40 00
Litchfield's Express, expressing	1 00
Thomas W. Doyle, services May Night . . .	2 00
F. H. Pratt, service May Night	2 00
C. Lothrop, postage and envelopes	2 92
F. W. Browne, bill for 1903	7 00
Boston Bank Note Co., Diplomas	20 40
Mary E. Clapp, services as pianist	10 00
Harry F. Tilden, carting settees, &c. . . .	4 40
William T. Tilden, use of hall, piano and labor . .	11 00
The Brown Book Press, printing	9 50
Mrs. William Lee, school laundry	1 75
John Clark, flowers for graduation	17 00

Paid Wm. W. Wade, tuning piano, two years	$8 35	
Samuel Stoddard, team, telephoning, &c. . . .	4 42	
Jason M. Ennice, Secretary, services to March 1st .	4 17	
Chas. W. Gammons, Secretary, services to Jan. 1, '05	20 83	
Caleb Lothrop, Treasurer, services	50 00	
		$402 04

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

Paid Edward E. Babb Co.	$332 02	
D. C. Heath & Co. . .	39 42	
Samuel Ward Company .	66 98	
Ginn & Company . .	80 56	
Silver Burdett & Co., . .	6 30	
Eagle Pencil Co., . .	20 00	
American Book Company .	121 84	
Arthur W. Hall Scientific Co., ...	76 71	
Perry Picture Co., . .	38	
Kenny Bros. & Wolkins .	17 26	
John A. Boyle & Co., . .	21 58	
W. S. Lewelly . . .	1 96	
Henry W. Stone . . .	6 72	
J. L. Hammett Company .	5 00	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., .	70 55	
Rand, McNally & Co., .	6 00	
Albert D. Spaulding . .	6 50	
Park Publishing Co., . .	2 91	
Charles E. Lauriat Company	14 94	
		$879 63

Kindergarten.

Paid Miss Isabel V. Bartlett, teaching	$160 00	
George P. Nagle, janitor	20 00	
Lincoln Bros., fuel	39 44	
Edward E. Babb & Co., supplies	12 49	
Mrs. Geo. P. Nagle, towels	1 00	
Estate Allen C. Bates, cup and paper	75	
		$233 68
Balance unexpended		266 32
		$500 00
Amount of Appropriation		$500 00

Repairs at Guild Hall
For Kindergarten Purposes.

Bay State Heating Co., jacketed stove for heating and ventilating	$166 00	
Wm. T. Tilden, carpentering	68 55	
Wm. J. Brennock, painting	22 00	
John E. Frates, mason work	3 95	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, paint, etc.	6 90	
Amount unexpended	8 71	
		$276 11
Amount from Town Treasurer	$126 11	
Amount from B. Preston Clark, Agent	$150 00	
		$276 11

Conveying.

Paid Harry F. Tilden, bal. for 1903	$32 04	
Samuel E. Pratt	60 00	

Paid Franklin Beal . . .	$19 50	
Harry F. Tilden, So. Main St. pupils . . .	71 50	
Harry F. Tilden, King street and No. Main St. pupils .	618 42	
Harry F. Tilden, Parker Ave. and Border St. pupils .	130 00	
Harry F. Tilden, 1 fare to No. Cohasset . . .	1 00	
Samuel E. Pratt, Beechwood pupils	950 00	
Franklin Beal, Jerusalem Road pupils . . .	313 50	
Franklin Beal, No. Cohasset pupils	480 00	
		$2,675 96
Amount of appropriation unexpended . . .		$124 04
		$2,800 00
Amount of Appropriation .		$2,800 00

Beechwood School heating and ventilating system:

Fuller & Warren Co., heating and ventilating furnace and putting in . . .	$398 00	
S. H. Stoughton, building new chimney, cementing cellar, etc. . . .	328 25	
Geo. E. Kimball, brick, lime etc., ...	171 12	
Francis M. Ripley, carpentering and stock . . .	194 38	
Albin D. Gillis, covering bars	21 60	
		$1,113 35

Recapitulation.

Debit.

Superintendent of Schools . .	$740 00	
Teachers	9,190 20	
Janitors	851 25	
Fuel	1,418 13	
Repairs	882 32	
Miscellaneous	402 04	
Books, Stationery, etc. . .	897 63	
		$14,381 57

Credit.

Balance from last year . .	$46 16	
Amount of Appropriation for . Schools	13,400 00	
Received for supplies sold . .	4 16	
Amount of Dog Licenses . .	395 86	
Interest from Ripley School Fund	40 40	
		$13,886 58
Expended in excess of Appropriation		494 99
		$14,381 57

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Cohasset School Committee:

I submit for your consideration my seventh annual report. It is the seventeenth in the series of annual reports of the Superintendent of Schools of the town. It is a brief review of the work of the past year and a statement of the present condition of the schools. The tables of statistics are given at the outset.

Abstract of Statistics.

Population of Cohasset, census of 1900	2,759
Population of Cohasset, 1904, (estimated)	2,800
Number of teachers employed, including the supervisors	17
Number of school buildings	3
Number of school-rooms occupied	16

School Census, September, 1904

Number of boys between 5 and 15 years of age	206
Number of girls between 5 and 15 years of age	208
	414
Number of boys between 7 and 14 years of age	145
Number of girls between 7 and 14 yeors of age	143
	288

Enrollment and Atendance Year Ending, June 24, 1904.

Number of different pupils enrolled	460
Boys in school between 5 and 15 years of age	199

Girls in school between 5 and 15 years of age . .	202
	401
Boys in school between 7 and 14 years of age . .	153
Girls in school between 7 and 14 years of age . .	149
	302
Boys in school over 15 years of age . . .	21
Girls in school over 15 years of age . . .	38
	59
Average membership of all the schools . . .	426.
Average attendance of all the schools . . .	389.
Per cent. of attendance	91.31

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 24, 1904.

SCHOOL.	Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. Attendance	Tardiness	Truancy
High . . .	94	88	81	93	106	0
Osgood:						
Grade I. .	52	49	42	86	81	0
Grade II. .	36	34	30	88	30	0
Grade III. .	27	26	24	92	43	0
Grade IV. .	48	47	44	94	51	0
Grade V. .	43	40	37	92	40	1
Grade VI. .	56	50	46	92	42	2
Grade VII. .	30	29	26	90	47	0
Grade VIII. .	25	21	20	95	36	0
Beechwood:						
Grades—						
I, II, III,	25	21	20	95	29	0
Totals	460	426	389	91.31	505	3

ENROLLMENT FOR THE FALL TERM, SEPT. 6-DEC. 23, 1904.

High School	89
Osgood School:	
Grade I.	50
Grade II.	37
Grade III.	35
Grade IV.	40
Grade V.	46
Grade VI.	39
Grade VII.	40
Grade VIII.	42
Grade IX.	7
	336
Beechwood School:	
Grade I.	7
Grade II.	8
Grade III.	12
	27
Kindergarten	15
	467

EXTRACT FROM KINDERGARTEN REGISTER.

	Sept.	*Oct.*	*Nov.*	*Dec.*	*Averages for term*
Enrollment,	8	12	15	12	
Average Membership,	6.35	11.4	12.7	11.2	10.41
Average Attendance,	5.9	10	9.8	8.95	8.66
Per cent. of "	93	87.7	77.1	80	83.28

GRADUATES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL, JUNE 22, 1904.

Edna Florence Bates
Arleon Cornelia Bowser
Joseph Robert Brenock
Grace Anna Collier
Joseph Mannix
Florence Gertrude Morse
Ezekiel Pratt
Susie Clair Roche

Sally Fabens Cushing
Anna Leland Kimball
Marcus Morton Thayer
Marion Teresa Thayer
Arthur Parker Lewis

POST GRADUATES.

Richard Watson Cushing
Sarah Lewis Lincoln
Lucy Evelyn Treat

SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, AND SALARIES.

Schools.	*Teachers.*	*Salaries*
High:	Stanley C. Lary, Principal	$1,500 00
	Grace Gatchell	700 00
	Minnie E. Bigelow	700 00
	Nellie B. Hill	700 00
Osgood:		
Grade IX	Louise C. Hunt	500 00
VIII	Martha P. Bates	500 00
VII	Louise M. Barker	480 00
VI	Annie D. Dunham	480 00
V	Annie A. Souther	480 00
IV	Mary E. Clapp	480 00
III	M. Jennie Mason	480 00
II	Charlotte A. Tower	480 00
I	Sarah E. Fox	480 00
Matron,	Myra L. Beal	380 00
Beechwood:		
Grades I, II, III,	Eva S. Bassick	480 00
Supervisor of Music,	Elizabeth C. Bates	300 00
Supervisor of Drawing,	Mary L. Cook	300 00

ATTENDANCE.

The total enrollment for the year ending June 24, 1904, was 460, an increase of four over the previous year; the average membership was 426, an increase of 24; the average attendance was 389, an increase of 27, the percentage of

attendance was 91.31, and increase or 1.28, the number of cases of tardiness was 505, a decrease of 297 ; the number of cases of truancy was 3, a decrease of 17, or 85 per cent.

These figures present a most favorable aspect, as they show a marked increase in attendance in all the schools, and a corresponding decrease in tardiness and truancy. The work of the schools and the standing of the pupils have been advanced very materially by the active interest of the parents in securing punctual attendance. There was less truancy than ever before, the three cases reported were confined to two pupils. It is interesting to note the rapid decrease in truancy during the past ten years and the changed sentiment of the people. What was once looked upon as smartness in pupils who succeeded in evading the truant officers is now condemned and regarded as an offence against the law of the Commonwealth. The moral support of the community has done more to discourage truancy than the rigid enforcement of the law.

The High School.

Last year we called attention to the higher standard of work demanded of all high schools by the recent enactments of the Legislature, and to the seeming defects in our own system. The eight grades below the high school did not prepare pupils to do the work demanded.—at least a considerable number of pupils required more than eight years in which to complete successfully the grammar school subjects.

It had been the custom for years to allow pupils to return after their graduation from the four years' course at the high school for an additional year or more for the completion of their preparation for college or technical school. There was no provision for these post-graduate students except in the regular classes of the four years' course. Teachers were obliged to take time that should have been given to regular students in order to instruct the post-graduates. With the

new laws in relation to high schools in was necessary to extend the high school course to five years or to introduce a ninth grade. The latter course seemed the better one, inasmuch as all the pupils of the town would be benefitted thereby.

Only a very small part of the school children of any town ever go beyond the high school, and many through necessity are obliged to leave school at the completion of the grammar school course. It is then of vital importance that we furnish the best instruction and opportunities for learning in the grades. The introduction of the ninth grade will strengthen the high school work, and we may reasonably expect within a few years to prepare pupils for college in a thorough manner in four years. Those pupils who were graduated from the eighth grade last Junewere allowed to choose between entering the high school and the ninth grade, but hereafter it will be necessary to complete the work of the ninth grade before being promoted. Some pupils of strong physique and active mind will be able to complete the grammar school course in less than nine years. Frequent irregular promotions will be made, and every incentive will be offered to stimulate the activity of the pupils. Latin, Algebra and Geometry are now ninth grade subjects, so that pupils entering the high school with a view to preparing for a technical school will find less difficulty. That the high school is doing its work well is shown by the fact that an unusally large number of pupils are preparing for higher institutions.

The commercial course has added much to the interest in the school. The two graduates from this course from the last class secured good positions with business houses in the city. Two typewriters were purchased when the department was introduced two years ago, and another has been added this year. Material for the business practice has been provided, and the students are acquiring an accurate knowledge of the essentials of a business education.

In the departments of chemistry and physics there has

been a marked advance. New material and apparatus have made it possible to extend the work. The increased demands for entrance to Harvard have been met. All the teachers have worked earnestly for the progress that has been made.

Course of Study for the Grades.

The changes made at the beginning of the fall term of the present school year required careful adjustment of the course of study. Without disturbing the essentials of the established course for the lower grades we have rearranged subjects and changed the time allotment. With skilled teaching the most prominent elements of a course of study are accurate and reasonable time allotment, correlation of subjects, and unity in development. In the past we have had few changes in the teaching force from year to year, and an extended syllabus has not been necessary in interpreting the course of study; but with the employment of new teachers it seems advisable to present a course that will be of assistance in determining the relative amount of time to be given to each subject and the educational policy that we are pursuing. The following is a synopsis of the course of study for the grades and the time in minutes given each week to the subjects:

SYNOPSIS OF COURSE OF STUDY, WITH TIME SCHEDULE.

(Time given in minutes a week.)

Subjects. Grades,	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
Morning Exercises,	60	60	60	30	30	30	30	30	30
Recesses,	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Physical Exercises,	75	75	75	50	50	50	50	50	50
Language, Oral and Written Expression,	200	250	250	300	300	240	240	240	180
Reading,	600	500	500	240	240	210	210	210	180
Geography,				120	180	180	180	180	180
Arithmetic,	165	165	165	280	280	240	270	270	60
History,						150	180	180	180
Spelling (word lists),				60	60	60	30	30	30
Word study,	120	110	110						

Physiology and Hygiene,				30	30	30	30	30	30
Writing, (copy-books)		60	60	125	80	60	30	30	
Drawing and Nature Study,	120	120	120	105	90	90	90	90	60
Music,	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Algebra,									180
Geometry,									180
Latin (electives).									180
Minutes a week	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1680

Pupils electing Latin are not required to take Language in grade IX.

Arithmetic is reviewed in connection with Algebra in grade IX.

Spelling is taught as part of the reading, language, number and nature lessons in grades I, II, III.

Phonic drill and exercises in pronouncing and in oral reproduction are included in the reading lessons.

Moral training is a part of the morning exercises.

In teaching physiology and hygiene special attention is paid to the effects of alcohol and narcotics.

The time allotment for the different subjects includes both study and recitation periods.

Daily programs are made with reference to the time schedule given above.

Correlation of subjects is sought whenever possible, and language teaching is made a part of every exercise.

Reading and Literature.

One of the chief purposes of the school should be to develop power and ability to read and appreciate good literature. The early processes in teaching reading must be considered carefully by every teacher. Much that has been regarded as mechanical work in primary grades may be vitalized by the thinking teacher. Every rational child delights in story, and under skilful direction will assimilate the elements that have the slightest parallel in his experience. Without the teacher's assistance slight attempt is made by young children at interpretation. Through rythym, melody and repetition the

attention is fixed while the mechanics of reading are readily learned. There is no one exclusive method for teaching reading, but there is one great principal involved in all good methods. *Interest* must be aroused and *experience* interpreted.

In the grammar grades there are great opportunties for us to establish a taste for the best literature. The process must be a gradual growth, carefully directed. The modern well equipped and well selected library may be made a powerful ally of the schools. The course of study in reading and literature which follows was framed with the hope of uniting and correlating the forces that seem strongest in developing ability to read and understand.

We have attempted to introduce the pupils to those authors in whose materpieces are found the clearest pictures of life and the most accurate expression of truth.

COURSE OF STUDY IN READING AND LITERATURE.

Grade 1. 10 hours a week.

1. Reading from the blackboard by the word and sentence method. Short, simple and interesting sentences expressing the thoughts suggested by the pupil's own observation and conversation. Make each lesson a series of sentences connected in thought. Employ the pupil's own vocabulary whenever it is possible, and introduce new words slowly.

2. Let the pupils read silently some of the sentences written on the blackboard, and show the meaning.

3. Study the phonic elements, and the analysis of typical monosylables into their sounds. Develop a vocabulary of two hundred words before attempting the use of books.

4. Use the simplest parts of several primers and first readers, supplementing each lesson with blackboard exercises.

5. Develop all difficult words from the blackboard, and read the selections that are most interesting to the pupils.

6. Constant word drill. Story-telling by pupils and teacher.

7. Selections memorized and recited.

SELECTIONS FOR STORY-TELLING:

Little Red Riding Hood. The Lion and the Mouse.
The Ant and the Dove. Aeolus and the Bag of Winds.
The Goose that laid the Golden Egg. Apollo and Clytie
Daphne. Pilgrims and the First Thanksgiving.
Apollo and Hyacinthus. Golden Rod and the Aster.
The House that Jack Built. Dick Whittington's Cat.
Phæton. The Boy and the Wolf. George Washington.

Grade 1.

SELECTIONS FOR MEMORIZING.

Good Morning, from Pippa Passes,	Browning.
Snow Flakes, (first stanza),	Longfellow.
The Land of Nod,	Stevenson.
My Shadow,	Stevenson.
Bed in Summer,	Stevenson.
Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star,	Taylor.
Cradle Song,	Tennyson.
September,	Jackson.
What Does Little Birdie Say?	Tennyson.
Baby,	MacDonald.
Little Drops of Water,	Brewer.

MOTHER GOOSE RHYMES:

Humpty Dumpty,
Little Bo-Peep,
Little Jack Horner,
Baa-Baa-Black Sheep,
Rock-a-by-Baby on the Tree Top.

Grade II. 8⅓ hours a week.

1. Study and mastery of the easier parts of several second readers, and of the remaining parts according to the ability and needs of the class.

2. Supplementary lessons from first readers during the first half-year. Sight reading from first readers after the development of all new and difficult words from the blackboard.

3. Phonic drill continued. Simple, well chosen exercises in enunciation, emphasis, force, and pitch.

4. Reading, studying, and memorizing selections from good literature.

5. Stories read or told to the class, and retold by the pupils.

SELECTIONS FOR MEMORIZING:

Sweet and Low,	Tennyson.
The Wind,	Stevenson.
My Bed is a Boat,	Stevenson.
The Land of Story-Books,	Stevenson.
All Things Beautiful,	Alexander.
Sleep, Baby, Sleep,	From the German.
October,	Jackson.
Seven Times One,	Ingelow.
Spring,	Thaxter.
Stop, Stop, Pretty Water,	Follen.
Don't Kill the Birds,	Colesworthy.
Ariel's Song, "Where the bee Sucks",	Shakespeare.
Dutch Lullaby,	Field.
We Thank Thee,	Emerson.
Three Little Bugs in a Basket,	Cary.

FOR STORY-TELLING:

The Little Match-Girl,	Epimethus and Pandora,
Legend of the Moss Rose,	Latona and the Frogs,
Iris,	The Three Bears,
Arachne,	Æsop's Fables,
Echo of the Nymph,	Ants and Grasshopper,
Jack Frost,	Fox and Grapes,
The Ugly Duckling,	The Wind and the Sun,
	The Porcupine and the Snake.

Grade III. 8 1-3 hours a week.

1. Study and mastery of the easier parts of several third readers.

2. Lessons from second readers for practice in sight reading during the first half-year.

3. Phonic drill continued. Recognition of new words by analogy of parts. Exercises to secure distinct enunciation. Careful word study. Constant use of blackboard.

4. Stories and poems read or told to the class and retold by the pupils. Selections memorized.

5. Silent reading followed by oral reproduction. Interest aroused in children's books from the Public Library.

Selections for Memorizing:

The Brown Thrush,	Larcom,
I Saw Three Ships,	Old English Carol,
We are Seven,	Wordsworth,
'Twas the Night Before Christmas,	Morris,
The First Snow-Fall,	Lowell,
November,	Cary,
Mountain and the Squirrel,	Emerson,
Flower in the Crannied Wall,	Tennyson,
Barefoot Boy,	Whittier,
Home, Sweet Home,	Payne,
Hiawatha's Childhood,	Longfellow,
Hiawatha's Sailing,	Longfellow,
The Village Blacksmith,	Longfellow,
Lullaby of an Infant Chief,	Scott.

For Story-telling:

The Golden Touch.	Aesop's Fables.
Apollo and Hercules.	The Mice, the Cat and the Bell,
Stories of Animals (such Thompson-Seton's).	The Lark and the Farmer,
Androcles and the Lion.	The Wolf and the Crane,
Aurora and Tithonus.	The Dog in the Manger.

Grade IV. 4 hours a week.

1. Several readers of the fourth-year grade and other books.

2. The meaning of words. Use of the dictionary.

3. The use of diacritical marks as aids in pronunciation.

4. Exercises to secure distinct enunciation. Blackboard used in fixing the form and meaning of all new words and expressions.

5. A few choice poems, and selections from longer poems memorized and recited.

6. Reading to pupils, followed by oral reproduction by the pupils.

7. Use of library books, and home reading.

SELCTIONS FOR MEMORIZING:

The Corn Song,	Whittier.
The Robin,	Whittier.
Daybreak,	Longfellow
The Children's Hour,	Longfellow.
Robert of Lincoln,	Bryant.
Gladness of Nature,	Bryant.
The Brook,	Tennyson.
Break, Break, Break,	Tennyson.
"He Prayeth Best."	Coleridge.
The Fountain,	Lowell.
Under the Greenwood Tree,	Shakespeare.

FOR STORY-TELLING:

Robert Burns and the Spider.
William Tell.
Siegfried and the Dragon.
Cupid and Psyche.
Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp.
Animal Stories (Such as Thompson-Seton's).
The Golden Touch.
Aesop's Fables:

The Crow and the Cheese,
The Hare and the Tortoise,
The Camel and the Tent,
The Fox and the Stork.

Grade V. 4 hours a week.

1. Several Readers of the fifth year grade, and supplementary books of literature.

2. A few choice poems and selections from longer poems studied, memorized, and recited.

3. Meaning of new words. Use of the dictionary.

4. Reading to the pupils.

5. Use of library books, and home reading.

SELECTIONS FOR MEMORIZING:

The Landing of the Pilgrims,	Hemans.
Paul Revere's Ride,	Longfellow.
The Day is Done,	Longfellow.
Excelsior,	Longfellow.
Psalm of Life,	Longfellow.
Our Country's Call,	Bryant.
To the Fringed Gentian,	Bryant.
The Planting of the Apple Tree,	Bryant.
Duty,	Emerson.
The Blue and the Gray,	Finch.
The Star Spangled Banner,	Key.
The Sand Piper,	Thaxter.
Our State.	Whittier.
A True Sportsman,	Foss.

FOR STORY-TELLING:

Florence Nightengale,	Soldiers of the Civil War.
Grace Darling,	Sailors of the Civil War.
Abraham Lincoln,	Great Men and their Childhood.
Cincinnatus,	Great Inventors.

FOR HOME READING:

Robinson Crusoe,	De Foe.

Black Beauty,	Sewell.
Gulliver's Travels,	Swift.
Robin Hood,	Pyle.
Jungle Book,	Kipling.
At the Back of the North Wind,	McDonald.
Swiss Family Robinson	Wyss.
Rab and His Friends,	Brown.

Grade VI. 4 hours a week.

1. Several Readers of the sixth year grade, and supplementary books of literature.

2. Reading of long selections, or of complete works of considerable length.

3. Selections from standard prose and poetry studied, memorized and recited.

4. Constant use of library books and home reading.

5. Informal talks on books read at home.

Selections for School Reading and Study:

Pied Piper of Hamelin,	Browning.
Legend Beautiful,	Longfellow.
Courtship of Miles Standish,	Longfellow.
Trailing Arbutus,	Whittier.
Huskers,	Whittier.
Bird Enemies and Tragedies of the Nest,	Burroughs.
The Bee Hunt,	Irving.

Selections for Home Reading:

Tanglewood Tales,	Hawthorne.
True Stories from New England History,	Hawthorne.
The King of the Golden River,	Ruskin.
Child Life in Prose,	Whittier.
Hiawatha,	Longfellow.
Being a Boy,	Warner.
Poor Boys who Became Famous,	Bolton.
Water Babies,	Kingsley.
A Man Without a Country,	Hale.

SELECTIONS FOR MEMORIZING:

The Builders,	Longfellow.
Fiftieth Birthday of Agassiz,	Longfellow.
Old Ironsides,	Holmes.
Union and Liberty,	Holmes.
"Breathes there a Man,"	Scott.
The White-Footed Deer,	Bryant.
Song of Marrion's Men,	Bryant.
The Finding of the Lyre,	Lowell.
The Year's at the Spring,	Browning.
The Burial of Sir John Moore,	Wolfe.
In School Days,	Whittier.
Charge of the Light Brigade,	Tennyson.
The Daffodils,	Wordsworth.

Grade VII. 3 1-2 hours a week.

1. Several Readers, and Literature suited to the grade.

2. Reading and Study of selections from standard literature.

3. Selections from masterpieces in prose and poety studied, memorized, and recited.

4. Continued use of library books, and home reading.

5. Informal talks on books read at home.

SELECTIONS FOR MEMORIZING:

To a Waterfowl,	Bryant.
Seventy-Six,	Bryant.
Oh, Fairest of the Rural Maids,	Bryant.
The American Flag,	Drake.
Concord Hymn,	Emerson.
To the Rhodora,	Emerson.
Launching of the Ship,	Longfellow.
The Clock on the Stairs,	Longfellow.
The Day is Done,	Longfellow.
To a Dandelion,	Lowell.
The Chambered Nautilus,	Holmes.
The Bugle Song,	Tennyson.

For School Reading and Study:

Concord Fight,	Emerson.
Lexington,	Holmes.
The Ballad of the Boston Tea Party,	Holmes
Grandfather's Chair,	Hawthorne.
Gray Champion,	Hawthorne.
Herve Riel,	Browning.
The Rivulet,	Bryant.

Grade VII.

For Home Reading:

Two Years Before the Mast,	Dana.
Paul Domby,	Dickens.
Autobiography,	Franklin.
Story of a Bad Boy,	Aldrich.
Pilgrim's Progress,	Bunyan.
A Boy's Town,	Howells.
Sharp Eyes,	Burroughs.
The Great Stone Face,	Hawthorne.

Grade VIII. 3½ hours a week.

1. Appreciative reading of masterpieces of prose and poetry suited to the grade.

2. Reading and study of selections from standard literature.

3. Selections from standard prose and poetry studied, memorized, and recited.

4. Constant use of library books, and home reading.

5. Informal talks on books read at home.

Selections for Memorizing:

Wolsey's Farewell,	Shakespeare.
Polonius's Advice,	Shakespeare.
Portia's Speech,	Shakespeare.
The Night Before Waterloo,	Byron.
The Ladder of St. Augustine,	Longfellow.
Bunker Hill Oration,	Webster.

Education,	Macaulay.
The Last Leaf,	Holmes.
The Ploughman,	Holmes.
Gettysburg Address,	Lincoln.
Liberty and Union,	Webster.
Ring Out, Wild Bells,	Tennyson.

For School Reading and Study:

Christmas Carol,	Dickens.
One Hoss Shay,	Holmes.
Legend of Sleepy Hollow,	Irving.
The Voyage,	Irving.
The Cumberland,	Longfellow.
A-Hunting of the Deer,	Warner.
Battle of the Ants; Excursions; Succession of Forest Trees; and Wild Apples.	Thoreau.
A Rill from the Town Pump,	Hawthorne.
The Settlers of New England,	Fiske.
Character of Lincoln,	Emerson.

For Home Reading:

Tom Brown's School Days,	Hughes.
The Last of the Mohicans,	Cooper.
The Spy,	Cooper.
The Pathfinder,	Cooper.
Washington and His Country,	Fiske.
Birds and Bees,	Burroughs.
Among the Isles of Shoals,	Thaxter.
House of Seven Gables,	Hawthorne.
Walden,	Thoreau.

Grade IX. 3 hours a week.

1. Appreciative reading of masterpieces of prose and poetry suited to the grade.

2. Reading and study of selections from standard literature.

3. Selections from masterpieces of prose and poetry studied, memorized, and recited.

4. Constant use of library books, and home reading.

5. Informal talks on books read at home.

SELECTIONS FOR SCHOOL READING AND STUDY:

The Flood of Years,	Bryant.
Thanatopsis,	Bryant,
The Village Preacher,	Goldsmith.
Selected Poems from Tales of the Wayside Inn,	Longfellow.
The Impeachment of Warren Hastings	Macaulay.
Pride of Ancestry,	Webster.
Each and All,	Emerson.
Vision of Sir Launfal,	Lowell.
Rural Life in England,	Irving.
Truthfulness,	Eliot.
The Flight of Louis XVI,	Carlyle.

SELECTIONS FOR HOME READING:

Ivanhoe,	Scott.
Talisman,	Scott.
Treasure Island,	Stevenson.
Alhambra,	Irving.
Westminster Abbey,	Irving.
The Deserted Village,	Goldsmith.
Among the Hills,	Whittier.
Books and Libraries,	Lowell.
Stories of the Old World,	Church.
Behavior,	Emerson.
Tale of Two Cities,	Dickens.
Duties of an American Citizen,	Webster.

SELECTIONS FOR MEMORIZING:

Sandalphon,	Longfellow.

Snow Bound (first 92 lines),	Whittier.
Douglas and Marmion,	Scott.
Crossing the Bar,	Tennyson.
"The Man that Hath No Music," (Merchant of Venice,)	Shakespeare.
"Give thy Thoughts No Tongue," (Hamlet)	Shakespeare.
"Our Doubts are Traitors," (Measure for Measure,)	Shakespeare.
My Star,	Browning.
A Man's a Man for A' That,	Burns.

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

The grade books have been put in very good condition during the year. New books have been provided in History, Geography, and Literature. In the High School there has been quite a demand for new books, and the cost has been considerable. The commercial department is not well supplied with books or materials, and it will be necessary to expend some money in order to place this department in good working condition, but the practical results will warrant the expenditure. On account of contagious diseases we were obliged to burn several sets of grade books, and new ones had to be provided to take their place. This additional cost had to come out of the amount that was appropriated for the regular purchase of books, the item of supplies remains constant. The appropriation for the coming year should be increased slightly in order to make up for this necessary loss. The books must be kept up-to-date, and the supplies must be ample for the work of the schools. The teachers have practiced rigid economy in the use of supplies. All books and materials have been fumigated with formaldehyde at frequent intervals in order to guard against disease, and each pupil has his own pencil, pen, ruler, etc. No pupil is allowed to handle the books or

materials of other pupils. School books are soiled in a short time by their constant use and have to be replaced in the interest of cleanliness. In the lower grades the life of a book is from two to three years, while in the higher grades it is from four to five years.

MUSIC AND DRAWING.

These departments have been under skillful teachers who have secured excellent results. The time given to music has been spent most profitably. The exercises furnish a relaxation from the regular work of the school and serve to create an interest. In Drawing we have the basis of Manual Training, and some of the work exhibited last June showed that the pupils were capable of designing and executing their designs. Under the direction of Mr. Sargent a beginning was made two years ago in developing designs and in constructing from materials. A year later some creditable work was done by High School pupils in leather work. This year we propose to employ the metals that are worked easily, as brass, copper and lead. In the lower grades elementary work can be done in sloyd. Objects can be shaped from pine or whitewood, and then decorated with designs of the child's own making. Your attention is called to the reports of the Supervisors that are presented herewith.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation of the earnest and faithful work of the teachers, the active co-operation of the parents, and the cordial and uniform support of your committee.

Respectfully submitted,
NELSON G. HOWARD,
Superintendent of Schools.

Cohasset, December 31, 1904.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWNG.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The work in drawing does not change very materially from year to year. The aim is to give children those subjects which will best develop their appreciation of and love for beauty, train them to more carefully observe what is before them, give them the skill to intelligently represent anything they see or imagine, and power to combine beautiful elements of form and color harmoniously.

Each year the tendency is to strive more for quality than quantity; the principles more difficult of comprehension are pushed higher in the grades, and more time is spent in studying, in its various aspects, one thing, until it is done as well as it is possible for the child to do it.

In the fall the usual flowers and fruits were drawn both in pencil and water color. Various landscape efforts were studied, and well balanced, decorative arrangements of landscape elements, such as sky, hill, trees and path, were made. These were used in the Christmas work as decorations for calendars and Christmas booklets. For the latter an appropriate poem or salutation was printed, the winter landscape used as a frontispiece, or on the cover, of colored paper, with the carefully arranged and printed title. The young children made and decorated Christmas cards, baskets, bookmarks, blotters, invitations, and other appropriate souvenirs, which they delighted to take home as gifts to their friends. This work was very successful.

Some mechanical drawing has been done to give skill in working accurately, and exactness in measurements. This included a working drawing of some objects which were measured by the pupils, such as a sled or table in the upper

grades, and more simple objects, as Japanese or weather signal flags, in the lower grades.

Through the winter the work of sketching various objects with lead pencil is going on. The principles of foreshortening and convergence are taught in grammar grades. In the intermediate grades proportion and individual shape are emphasized, and such objects are studied, as fruits and vegetables, which do not involve difficult principles, leaving the child's mind free to consider these two fundamental principles, form and proportion, and laying a firm foundation for later and more difficult work.

Much practice in using the lead pencil, one of the most common and useful mediums, will be given; not only practice in using the pencil but in using it effectively, for it is by quality of line and accent that different textures, solidity, and character are represented. When a child leaves the grammar grades he should be able to sketch anything correctly, not necessarily artistically, for only the few can achieve that quality.

The lower grades are drawing toys and simple objects for their shape and character. They are also doing considerable work in illustrative drawing. This develops the child's power to imagine clearly and under guidance, express his ideas of stories and incidents, such as coasting, skating, etc.

Eighteen pupils in the High School are taking drawing this year.

In addition to the usual subjects the pupils have done some good work in cold metal, designing and making copper and brass trays, candlesticks and shades.

In all grades the work is going well and teachers and pupils are interested and enthusiastic.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. COOK.

Cohasset, Dec. 31, 1904.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

To the Superintendent of Schools;

Dear Sir: In this, my ninth annual report of music, nothing new can be presented as to the fundamental methods of teaching, but with each year's personal experience, and by keeping in touch with the work outside our own schools, different ways of presentation are suggested and acted upon with good results.

On the tenth of December last the Supervisors of Music of Massachusetts met in conference in Boston at request of the Chairman of the State Board of Education. Interesting addresses were made by well known leaders in the work, among whom were Prof. Lewis, teacher of musical theory and history at Tufts college, who emphasized the importance of placing music on the list of tests for admission; Miss Hazard of Wellesley college; Prof. Jepson, who has had a long experience as teacher of music in New Haven schools; Mr. McLaughlin of Boston, and others of equal note. These were followed by discussions by various teachers. Much was said on the subject of High school work, in which the elective system, the non-giving of credits, and the short time allowed for singing were the chief difficulties to be overcome. I would like to dwell more at large on the papers and discussions, but perhaps it might not properly come under the head of this report.

In our own High school we have limited the period to forty minutes each week, chiefly to accommodate those who cannot sing or do not enjoy it, and who feel that they must spend the time on other work. Of course, this short period excludes any work other than chorus singing and preparing for closing exercises.

In the outline for work for the present year I had included a course of musical biography and history for the

High, but for lack of time have decided to transfer it to the eighth grade, in which we have a lesson along that line every alternate Monday. The last mentioned is a large class, and in it are a greater proportion of good voices and readers than we have ever had. Not, perhaps, that they have worked harder than in other grades, but a large percentage are naturally good singers and quick readers. Much credit is due Miss Martha P. Bates, their regular teacher, who conducts the class one period during the week, and who is so very enthusiastic over the work.

In the grades below the eighth, we have made a specialty of work placed on the black board, thus varying from textbook exercises, which are monotonous if followed too closely.

The usual amount of work is being done in each grade, and in two or three of the classes, the work is more advanced than at this time last year.

I appreciate much the hearty co-operation of the teachers of the several grades, whose interest makes the work a pleasure to me.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH C. BATES.

December 31, 1904.

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

For the year ending December 31, 1904.

My last year's work consisted of planting, pruning and fertilizing. The number of trees planted during the past year was sixty three. Owing to the dryness of the season the young trees required considerable watering. I also placed a number of guards to protect the young trees.

Owing to the increase of the brown-tail moth, which we should try to exterminate, I would respectfully recommend and ask that the sum of five hundred dollars be raised and appropriated by the town at the annual meeting March next.

The following is a list of the amounts paid as per bills rendered.

Cyrus R. Keene	$56 00
George Jason	33 25
A. H. Prouty	20 00
Joseph E. Grassie . . .	23 00
H. L. McMahon . . .	21 90
John Smith	28 00
Louis Bates	8 00
Franklin Stoddard . . .	17 00
Abban D. Gillis . . .	7 50
Charles Gammons . . .	3 75
H. L. Willard, Jr. . . .	10 00
Charles E. Nott	28 05
Joseph Breck & Sons . . .	32 25
Thomas Grey & Co. . . .	7 75
Tower Bros. & Co. . . .	2 32
William St. John . . .	10 00

H. L. McMahon, balance due 1903	$3 10	
Henry L. McMahon, salary, 1903	75 00	
		$386 87
Balance unexpended, 1903 .		$245 77
Amount of Appropriation, 1904 .		300 00
		$545 77
Amount of orders, 1904 . .		386 87
Amount unexpended . . .		$138 90

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY L. McMAHON,

Tree Warden.

PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY in account with JAMES LONGLEY, Treasurer.

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To payments:		
For cataloguing services . .	$325 20	
Librarian's and janitor's services	890 04	
		$1,215 24
Books and Magazines . .		353 98
Library supplies, etc. .		44 29
Electric lighting . . .	201 24	
Fuel	215 25	
		$416 49
Insurance		129 50
Binding and Printing . .		322 45
Hedge		53 20
Sundries — Expressage, extra labor, etc. . . .		87 53
Repairs	130 22	
Furniture, etc. . . .	746 50	
Construction . . .	544 00	
		1,420 72

Amounts borrowed of Treasurer in 1904 . . .		$450 00
Balance on deposit and in hands of Treasurer, January 2, 1905 .		4 06
		$4,497 46

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By balance from previous account January 1, 1904 . . .		$1,097 03
By receipts:		
From Mrs. Edward Wheelwright as a gift in memory of her husband in support of the library		100 00
Mr. H. A. Wheelwright as a gift in support of the library		100 00
A. H. Tower, Treasurer accumulated income from Trust Funds . . .		365 38
Town of Cohasset, appropriation		1,900 00
Income from investments .	410 00	
Interest on deposits . .	17 81	
		427 81
Fines collected by librarian in 1903	16 42	
Fines collected by librarian in 1904	39 00	
		55 42
Books sold . . .		1 82
Amounts borrowed of Treasurer in 1904 . .		450 00
		$4,497 46

January 2, 1905. JAMES LONGLEY,
Treasurer.

We have examined the above account and find it correct, disbursements of cash being accounted for by proper vouchers.

EDWARD F. RIPLEY,
OLIVER H. HOWE,
Auditors.

COHASSET, Jan. 24, 1905.

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